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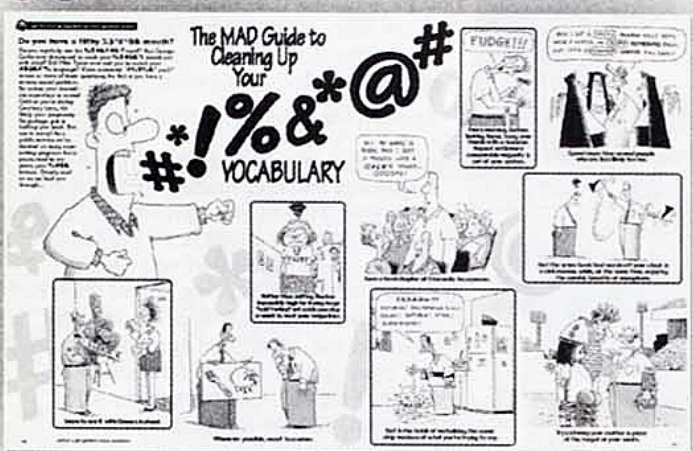
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Editor's Note

Introduced last month, the new feature called Editor's Note is being discontinued as of this issue.

—The Editors



"Most people don't mind a hard day's work — just as long as they're not in that day!"





OH SAY CAN YOU CHELSEA?

What's with you people? Don't you know that MAD violated unwritten journalistic ethics by focusing attention on the President's daughter ("MAD Tags Along on a Typical Date with Chelsea Clinton" #379)? Just because *People* magazine would cross the line doesn't mean that MAD has to descend to that rag's abysmal standards.

David Lynch, Willow Grove, PA

Lynchie — Thank you for bringing this to our attention. Your letter was articulate, correct and 100% on point. We have circulated it to all our writers and we can assure you that articles about Bill Clinton's child or any President's child past or future will never, ever see the light of day in MAD. However, in the interest of full disclosure, we feel it necessary to tell you that several articles about Presidents' children have already been purchased and are too far along in production to pull from the magazine. Therefore, please accept in advance our apologies for the following upcoming MAD articles: "You Know George W. Bush is a Nimrod When," "A MAD Peek Behind the Scenes at Trisha Nixon's Tupperware Party," "The Lighter Side of Amy Carter" and "One Fine Day in Bed With The Gore Daughters." We just hope these ideas aren't ripped off by

People before we have a chance to run them.
Happy Reading!
—Ed.

MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS



I recently had the chance to meet Richard Simmons and he was generous enough to pose for a picture with me and a copy of MAD #374. So how about it, do I get a free three-year subscription? After 13 years of being a loyal MAD reader it's about time I get some compensation for my suffering!

Tom Ryan, Birmingham, AL

When he's not dealing from the bottom of the Deal-A-Meal deck or suckering 1,000 pound men and women to cry on paid advertisements, tank-top aficionado Richard Simmons finds time to mingle among the little people, namely Tom Ryan of Birmingham, AL, who squeezes us for a three-year subscription. Congrats! —Ed.

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DISSING PERSONS REPORT

I am a student at JWJHS in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. I am writing to ask why you always insult the readers in your Letters & Tomatoes Dept. Don't get me wrong, I think it is a great idea, but I think you are insulting a number of people who want to be taken seriously. I think they should get a life and figure out you're not serious, but you are losing readers by doing this.

Paul Heideman, Rhinelander, WI

At the risk of your being right and us losing yet another reader, we will now insult you, Paulie! We start with a question! What the hell is JWJHS? Is this the kind of place that when you graduate you get your own set of tools? Is it a clown college? Is it accredited by anyone? Is the admission test one of those open book, true or false, marked on a curve deals? Your parents must be very proud! Thanks for writing and see ya at the circus! —Ed.

On the Letters Page in issue #378, you tried to insult Michael Lancione three times by calling him a nimrod. According to the *American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*, a nimrod is a "hunter" or "a mighty hunter." You schmucks (see your definition of *schmuck* in the same issue)!

Gina Benjamin, Rhinebeck, NY

Benji — You know, in retrospect, it is now clear to us that Michael Lancione is not a nimrod. Rather, he's a putz. You, ma'am, on the other hand, are beyond nimrod, putz and schmuck. You are an überclod. We'll save you the trouble of looking it up in your trusty dictionary! —Ed.

Überclod: (oo'bər-klōd) an exceptionally dim-witted putz, a fool of extraordinary proportion. archaic: A yapping lap dog of a circus clown.

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On March 18th at the Warner Bros. flagship Studio Store in New York City, long-time MAD artist Mort Drucker was on hand to sign copies of his new lithograph released in conjunction with the new *MAD About the Movies* trade paperback. In addition, he put his John Hancock on the book, which satirizes 75 years of Warner Bros. entertainment. It was the highest-attended signing event in the store's history. Thanks, Mort, for making hundreds of fans' dreams come true!



The signed lithograph (pictured here) is still available at the Warner Bros. Studio Store!



THE ANSWER MAD

We continue our feature of answering a letter written to another magazine with a missive sent to *US* magazine's May issue.



As an avid fan who did not waver during the "bad" times, I admire Kevin Costner ["The Heat Is On," March 1999] for his candidness and convictions. He will continue to succeed because his priority in picking roles is the message, not the money. What a refreshing concept! Thanks, Kevin, for not wavering, for taking chances and for believing in your dreams.

S.T., Lafayette, IN

S.T. — What a wonderfully insightful letter. If your definition of succeeding is picking cinematic gems like *Waterworld* and *The Postman*, then you're right, Kev will "succeed" his way right into Hollywood oblivion! We'll give you a refreshing concept: Hey, Costner, your priority should focus on whether a role is well-written, interesting and comprehensible. S.T., since you admire his candidness and convictions, how about refunding the hard-earned money us poor suckers spent seeing his "dreams" (our "nightmares"). See you at the \$2.00 movie theater for the matinee showing of *Message in a Bottle*! —Ed.

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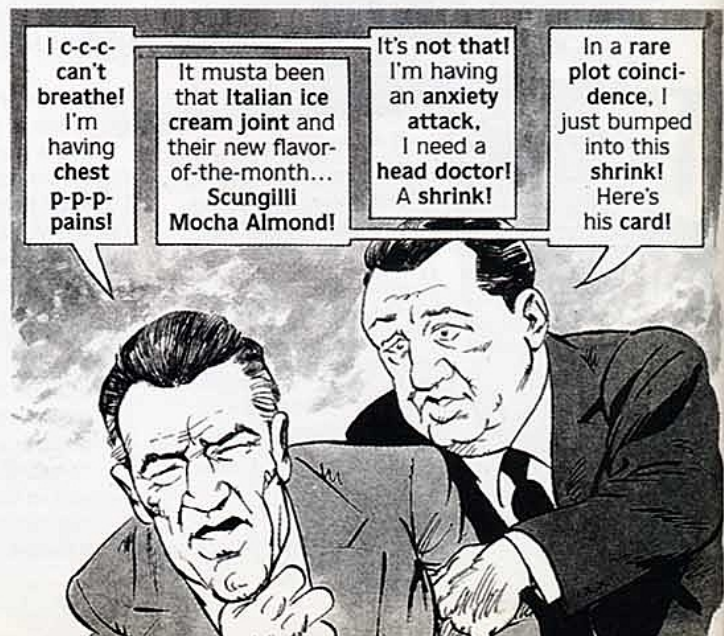
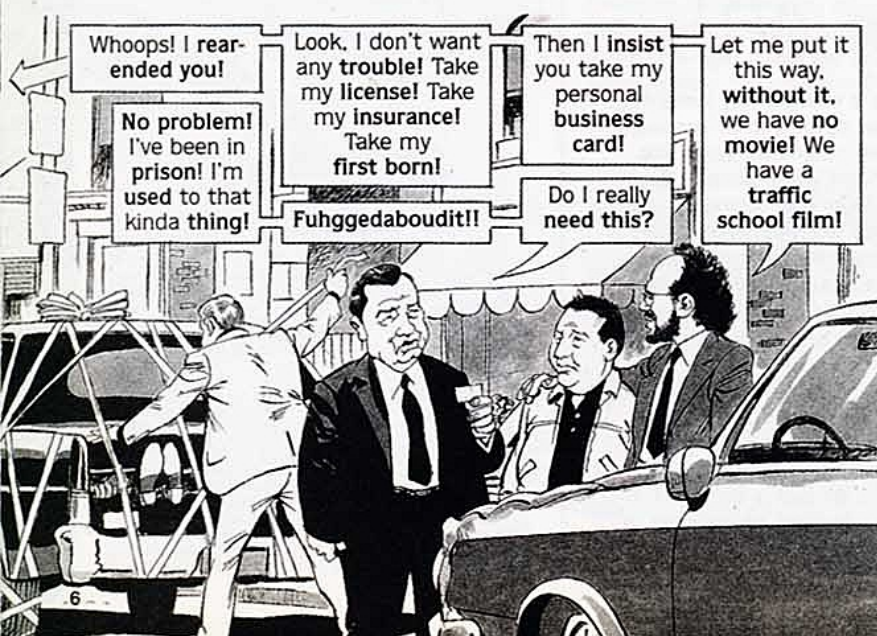
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Contributing Artists And Writers the usual gang of idiots

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In 1972, MAD spoofed *The Godfather*. In 1974, we parodied *The Godfather Part II*. And just when we thought we were finished, they pulled us back in with *The Godfather Part III*! Recently, there's been a different kind of mobster movie — it's about a wiseguy in crisis. In *The Godfather* they went to the mattresses, in this film they're going to the couches! Seems like they're just begging us to...



satirize this

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

WRITER: JOSH GORDON

The boss is a mess! He's conflicted... in deep denial... he's in a bad place!

I don't know what the %\$@!#& you're talkin' about! He's not in a bad place! Under the Meadowlands in Jersey — THAT'S a bad place!

This is a culture clash flick — an Italian mafioso hooks up with a Jewish therapist!

Yeah, this shrink better help, or else!
Or else, what?

Or else he sleeps with the gefilte fishes!

I'm Promo Spumoni, the rival crime lord! This %\$&#* has gotta stop! I'm %\$&#*-%ing fed up! I want answers!

We'll get answers, boss! We'll find out why Zitti's muscling in on your territory!

Schmuck, not that! Find out why in every film — from *A Bronx Tale* to *Bullets Over Broadway* — I'm dressed for *Guys and Dolls*!



We may kill Dr. Sofa!

Wow! That doesn't bode well for my upcoming marriage!

If your fiancé doesn't cure him, we're gonna make his life a living hell!

Ewwwww! Y'know, you don't have to! He could get that at home! With me! That was, like, my plan!

Yeah...this could be our guy. He looks like a pro!

Bent Sofa, M.D. Psychiatrist
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Other talents: Will MC telethons, Academy Award shows, does hundreds of impressions including: "Sammy Davis," "Ricardo Montalban" and "Sigmund Freud Walking Against the Wind."

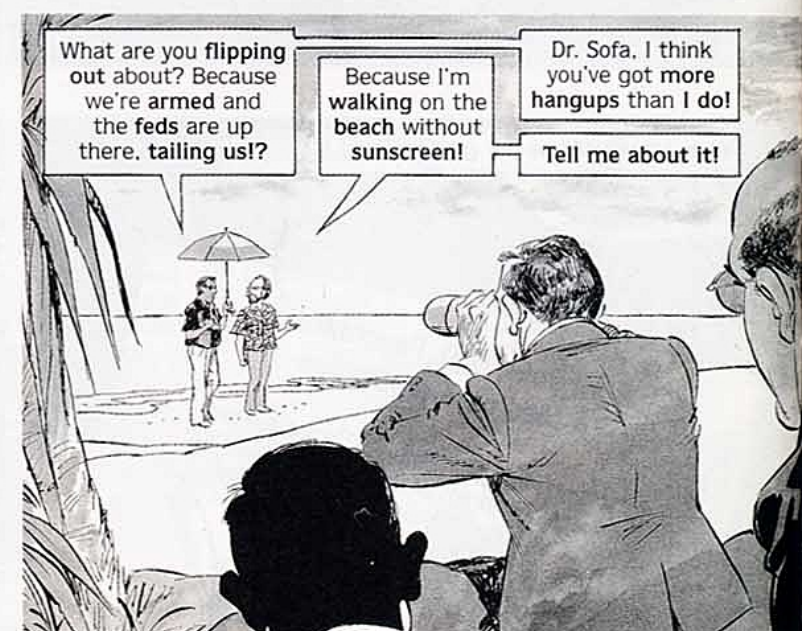
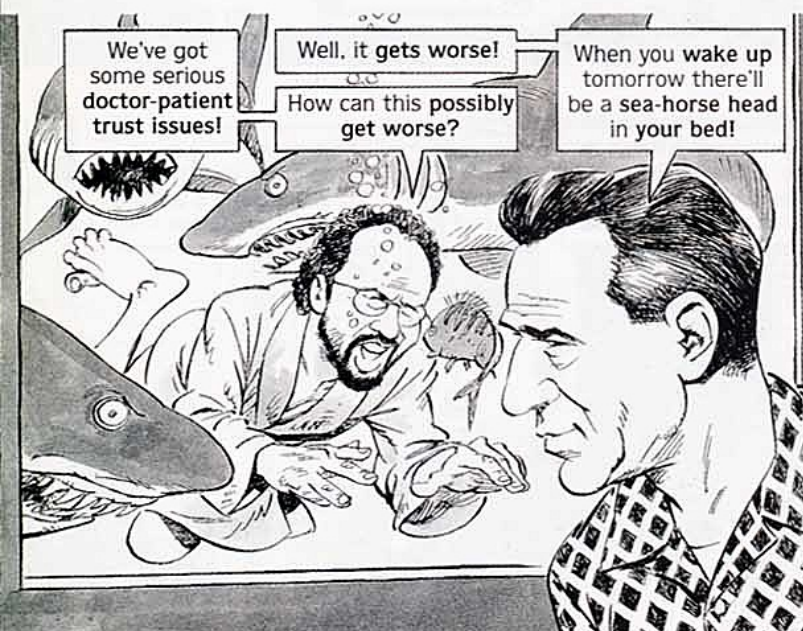
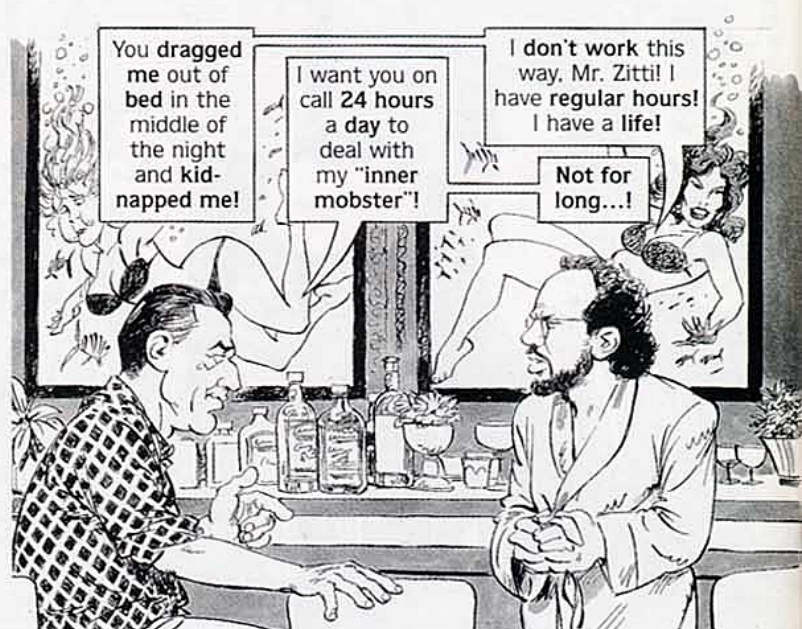
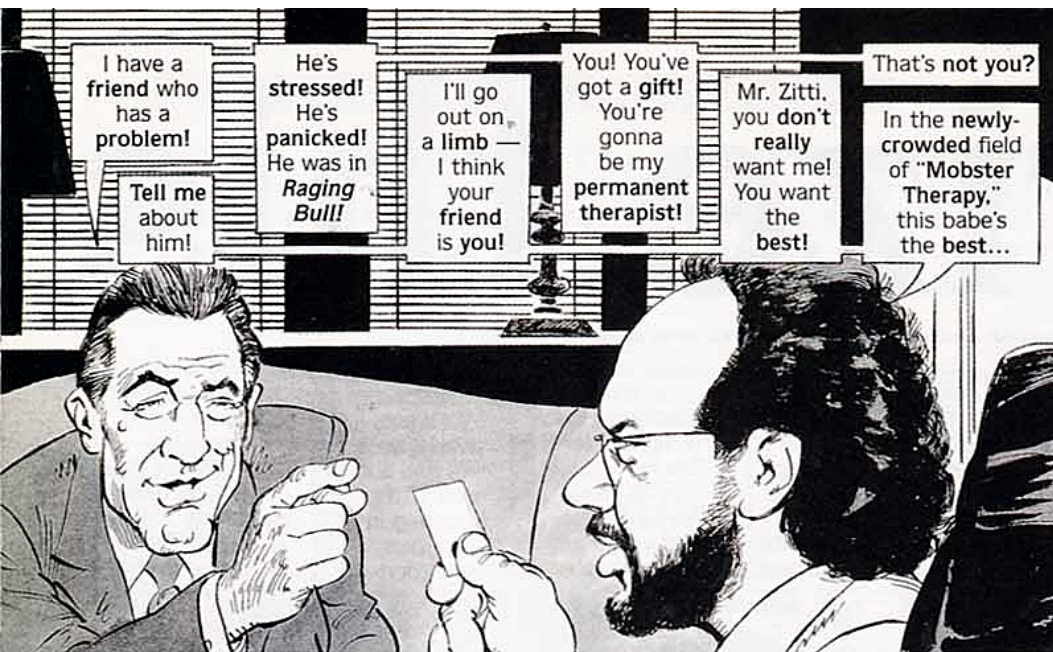
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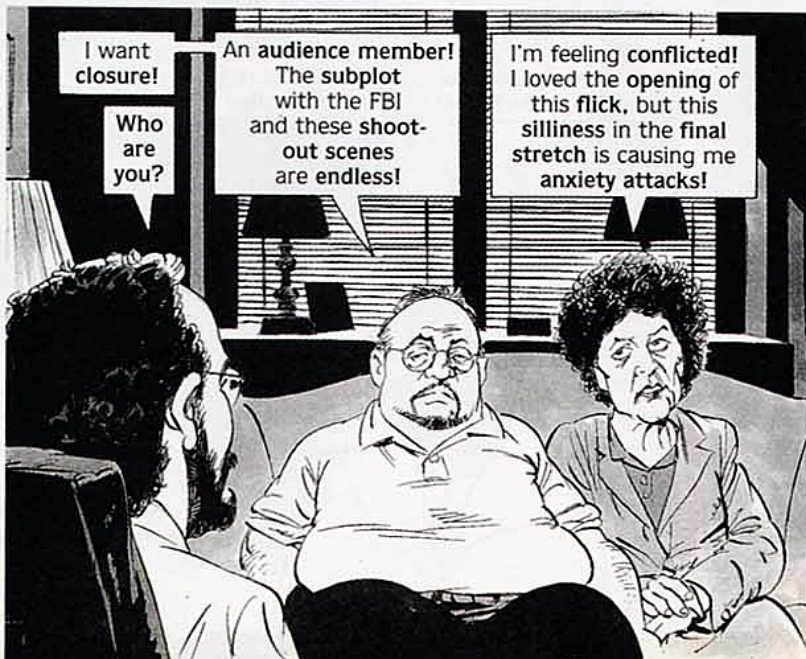
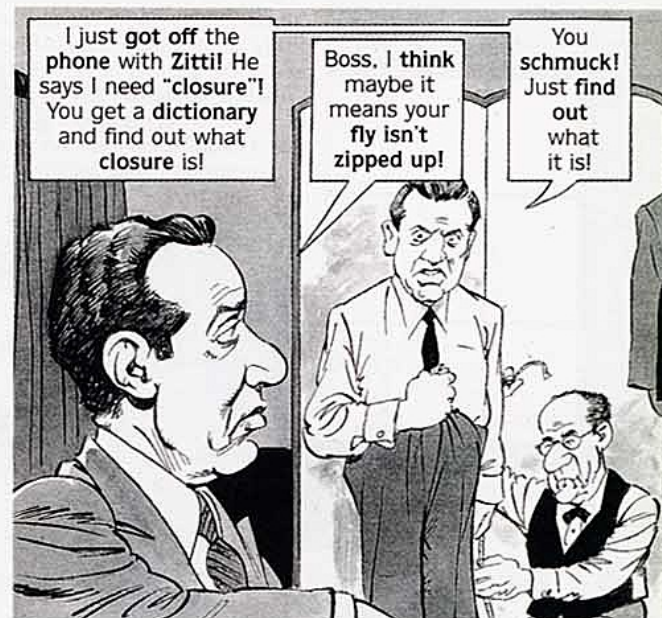
You can't barge in here! You're not in my appointment book!

I am now!

Barge away! Barging is therapeutic! We happen to have a three o'clock barge available!

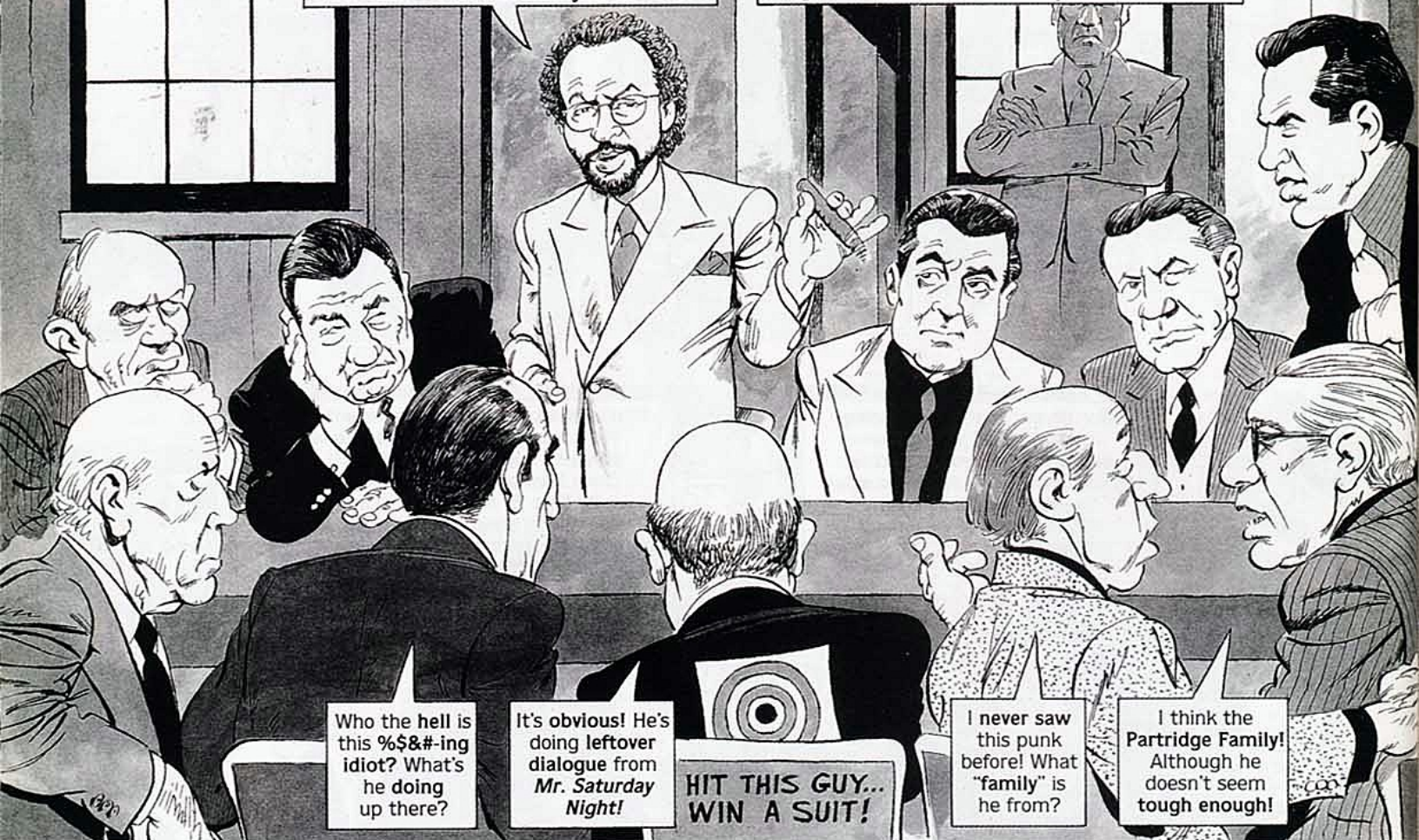






Some of you may not know me! My name is Lenny da Groin, also known as Harry da Hernia, Perry da Prostate, Tubby da Tuba, Willy da Wonka, Stan da Man, Leo da Lip, Whoopie da Goldberg, Murray da K and Alistair Cooke! I'm looking around here at all you wiseguys with the broken noses and cauliflower ears and I think I'm at a reunion of the "facially challenged," but I want to tell you all — you look mahvelous...absolutely mahvelous!

Now relax! Nobody's muscling in on your rackets! You'll all keep your territories — the prostitution, gambling, drugs and extortion! Me? I'll be handling all the farfel and noodle pudding east of Peoria! Also, I'll be in control of all Mambo studios in Boca! If anyone cuts in on my action, they're dead brisket! I'll clap your heads with erasers so hard there'll be chalk dust up your kazoo! Is that absolutely clear!? Okay! That's it! Ba-da-bing, Ba-da-boom! Fuhggedaboutit! Shalom! Incidentally, gentlemen, I have all of Jerry Vale's albums!



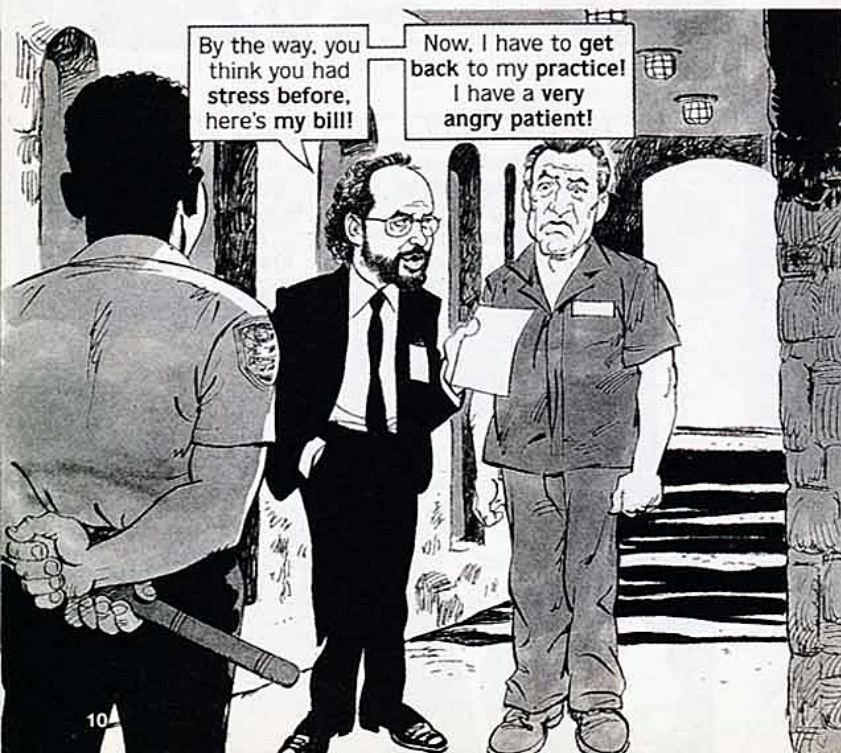
Who the hell is this %\$&#-ing idiot? What's he doing up there?

It's obvious! He's doing leftover dialogue from *Mr. Saturday Night*!

HIT THIS GUY... WIN A SUIT!

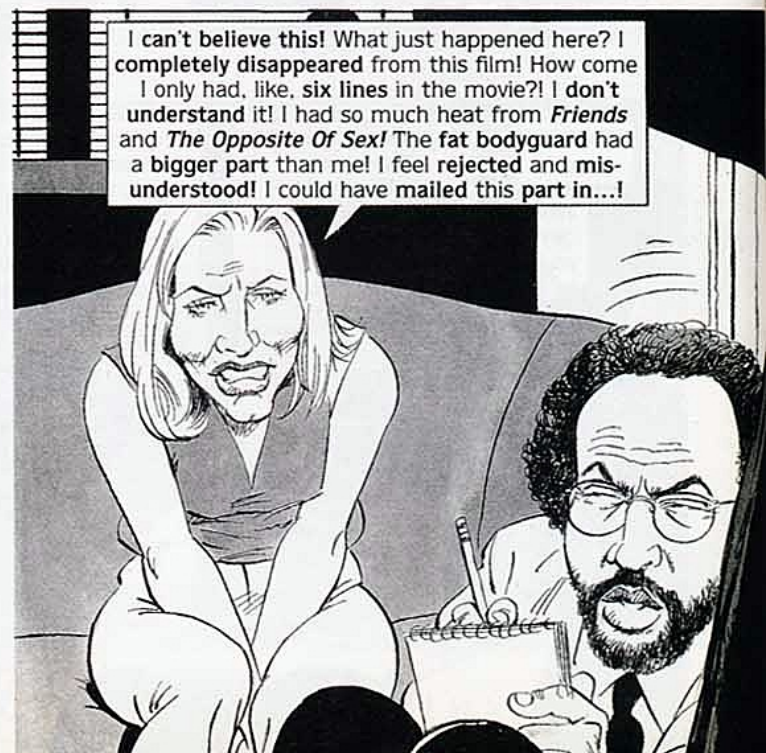
I never saw this punk before! What "family" is he from?

I think the Partridge Family! Although he doesn't seem tough enough!



By the way, you think you had stress before, here's my bill!

Now, I have to get back to my practice! I have a very angry patient!



I can't believe this! What just happened here? I completely disappeared from this film! How come I only had, like, six lines in the movie?! I don't understand it! I had so much heat from *Friends* and *The Opposite Of Sex*! The fat bodyguard had a bigger part than me! I feel rejected and misunderstood! I could have mailed this part in...!



RULES TO NOT LIVE BY DEPT.

Remember that wacky Heaven's Gate cult that committed mass suicide a few years ago? Sure, they were nuts, but you have to give them credit for carefully planning their deaths! From choosing an order in which to kill themselves to deciding what everyone would wear (Nikes and purple shrouds) to artistically positioning their soon-to-be corpses, no detail was overlooked! Why then, we wonder, doesn't everyone prepare for their self-demise as meticulously as they did? Probably because they've never read...

The MAD Book of Suicide Etiquette



*U*nless you were a professional adult video actor in tip-top physical shape — erase, smash and burn all sex tapes of yourself and your mate!



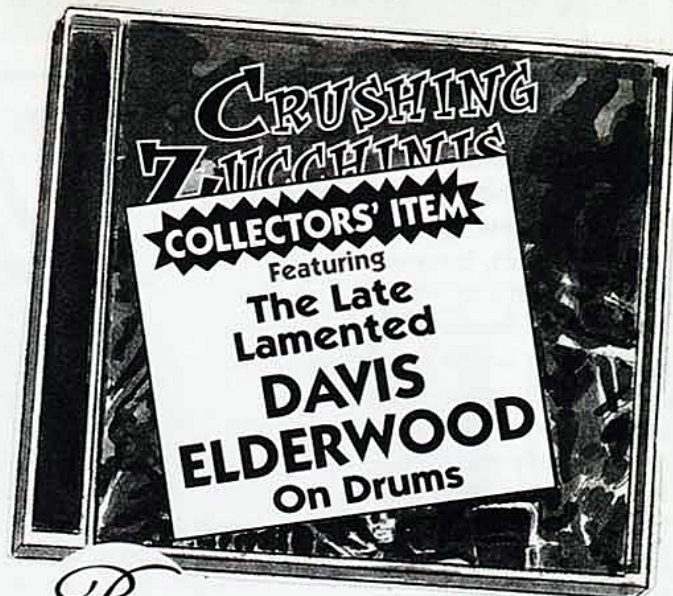
ARTIST: DREW FRIEDMAN

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER



*A*lways make sure to put out enough dog food to last until your body is finally discovered!

The ^{MAD} Book of Suicide Etiquette



*R*emember, death equals publicity! If you're a rock musician planning an "accidental" heroin overdose, select a date just prior to the release of your group's next album, to thoughtfully increase your bandmates' royalties!



*D*on't be a selfish suicide — consider the feelings of others who may be depending on your continued existence — to land the jumbo jet, for instance!



*W*hen borrowing a friend's car to do yourself in, show your gratitude by making sure there's enough gas in the tank to asphyxiate yourself and get your friend to work the next day!



*D*uring a mass suicide, the polite cult member takes extra care to double up the recipe for cyanide-laced pudding to insure there'll be more than enough to go around!





*T*ry and "liven up" what will surely be a somber mood by leaving a suicide note that's entertaining as well as informative!



*D*uring a high-rise plunge, the total despair and hopelessness of the final moment are no excuse for "careless aiming"!



*I*t's considered atrociously bad manners to back out of a murder/suicide pact right in the middle!



*T*he gracious Dr. Kevorkian client sets out enough refreshments for him, his lawyer and the entire 60 Minutes camera crew!



MONTY and...



THE FUNERAL

Nothing shapes a young man's life as much as the first time he hears those three little words. You know the ones: "Your Grandma's dead." That's right, sport, time to face up to the fact that we're all mortal!







COME TO THE DORK SIDE DEPT.

COUNTDOWN TO... THE PHANTOM MENACE

...A ridiculous recap of the inane, insipid and insignificant incidents leading up to the most highly anticipated movie of all time!*

*excluding Weekend At Bernie's II

MARCH 11



Lucasfilm representatives say the security surrounding *The Phantom Menace* is the tightest ever for a motion picture. They assure the press that no unauthorized persons will see the film until it opens May 19th.

MARCH 16



Pirated VHS copies of *The Phantom Menace* go on sale in Hong Kong for \$10.

ARTIST: AMANDA CONNER

WRITER: CHARLIE KADAU

MARCH 23

Entertainment



Entertainment Weekly presents a special issue: *The 100 Greatest Storm Troopers From The Original Star Wars Trilogy*. Topping the list — the one that shoots at Han Solo in *The Empire Strikes Back*, followed by the one Luke shoots in *Star Wars* and then the one Leia pushes over a ledge in *Return of the Jedi*, plus 97 more!

MARCH



MARCH 31



George Lucas signs one of the most lucrative (and strangest) fast-food cross-promotion deals ever. To get a *Phantom Menace* action toy, you will have to buy a hamburger at McDonald's, bring it to a Burger King for the ketchup and pickles, swing by a Wendy's for the French fries, and finally, drop in at an Arby's for a super-sized cup of Clamato. Despite this, the action toys sell out in less than a week.

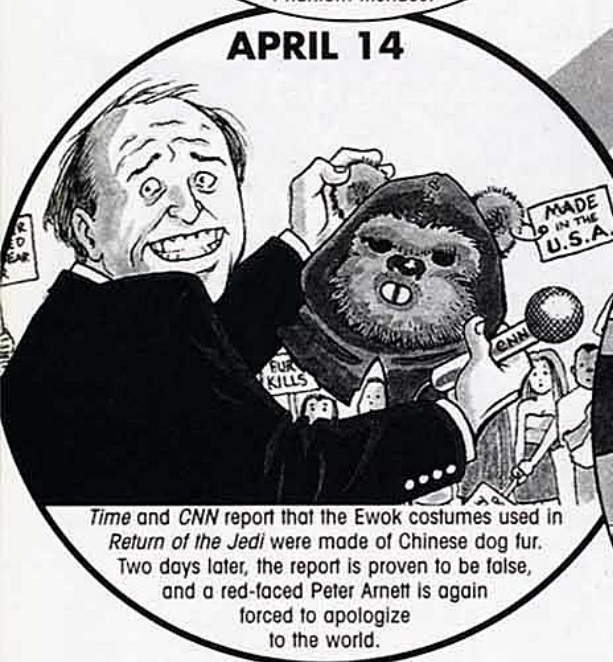
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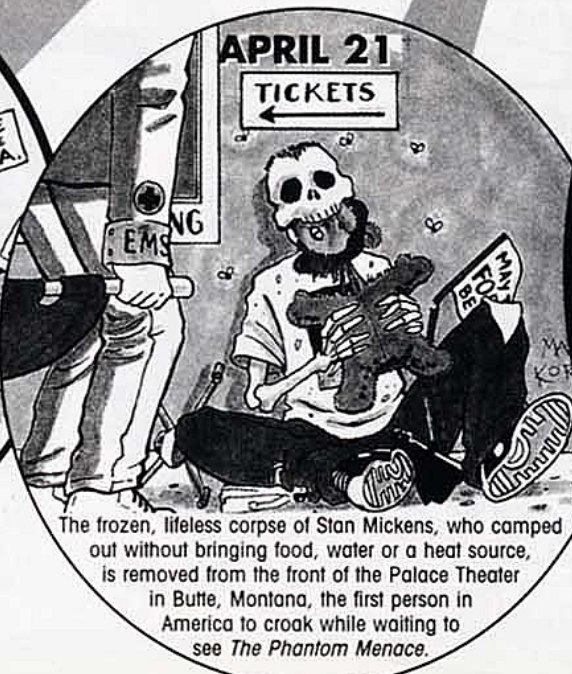
APRIL 1
The California Supreme Court refuses to issue an injunction prohibiting the film's release, dismissing a lawsuit filed by former TV star-gnome Adam Rich, who claims young Anakin Skywalker's hair is based on his *Eight is Enough* "salad bowl" cut.



APRIL 9
Super *Star Wars* fan Stan Mickens begins camping out in front of the Palace Theater in Butte, Montana, the first person in America to get on line to see *The Phantom Menace*.



APRIL 14
Time and *CNN* report that the Ewok costumes used in *Return of the Jedi* were made of Chinese dog fur. Two days later, the report is proven to be false, and a red-faced Peter Arnett is again forced to apologize to the world.



APRIL 21
The frozen, lifeless corpse of Stan Mickens, who camped out without bringing food, water or a heat source, is removed from the front of the Palace Theater in Butte, Montana, the first person in America to croak while waiting to see *The Phantom Menace*.



APRIL 29
Entertainment Weekly
C3POH NO!
Entertainment Weekly presents a special issue: *The 100 Top Unfounded Rumors We've Heard About The Phantom Menace*. #1: In the middle of the film, Obi Wan Kenobi and C3PO discover a forbidden love that dare not speak its name, even in a galaxy far, far away.

MAY 19 THEATER

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II



The film has received so much pre-release hype that everybody figures they'll be smart, skip the opening weekend mobs and go in a week or two. *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace* has an opening weekend gross of only \$6.2 million, one of the weakest in history, trailing *The Postman* and even *Eight Heads in a Duffel Bag*.

MAY 14



Jay Leno makes the inevitable joke that Samuel L. Jackson's big scene in the movie is when he asks Yoda if he knows what a Quarter Pounder is called on Tatooine.

MAY 13



Dennis Miller makes the inevitable joke that Samuel L. Jackson's big scene in the movie is when he asks Yoda if he knows what a Quarter Pounder is called on Tatooine.

MAY 11

entertainment WEEKLY



Entertainment Weekly presents a special issue: The 100 Greatest Articles We've run on *The Phantom Menace* this year.

APRIL 30



The Ain't It Cool News Website takes a blow to its credibility when its highly-promoted secret stills of the creepy new aliens from the movie turn out to be nothing more than nude pictures of Dr. Laura Schlessinger.

MAY 3



While appearing on *Live With Regis and Kathie Lee*, actor Ewan McGregor takes part in a light saber demonstration that goes horribly wrong. The next day's show is the first with its new name, *Live With Regis*.



There's a politician on the scene who towers above all others! It's Jesse "The Body" Ventura, the former wrestler who body slammed his way into the Minnesota governorship! And with the ratings for Raw and Monday Nitro about 16,780,000% higher than Face the Nation's, this is one political trend that'll snowball! So whatcha gonna do when wrestling fever overruns the Congress, and we face...

THE JESSE VENTURIFICATION



Are you ready? Are...you...r-r-r-ready? For the hundreds of lobbyists in attendance, and the two dozen watching at home — ladies and gentlemen, let's get ready to see responsible, bipartisan statesmanship CRRRRRRUMMMMMBLLLLLL!!!

I'm so pleased to meet you, Mr. Savage! I remember watching you wrestle when I was just a young boy!

Oooohh, yeaahhh, thank you, Senator Thurmond!

Hold on a second, Mystery Man! You look very familiar behind that mask! Are you sure you're a newcomer to this Congress?

Somebody's been messin' with my brother, Jeb Bush!

And anybody who messes with my brother messes with me!

Tell 'em, Dad!

Barney Frank, I'm not a man to make idle threats. Uh-uh, no sir, don't do it. Let me tell you this, however — it would be...prudent... to sleep with one eye open! Cat naps from now on, no snooze alarm, pleasant dreams! Because if I taught my boys anything, it's how to inflict a thousand points...of pain!

RRAARR, RAAAARRR!!!

HRRRrrrr!!!

WHUP ASS

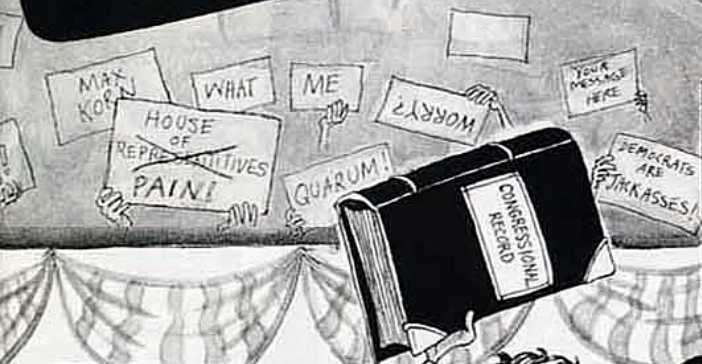
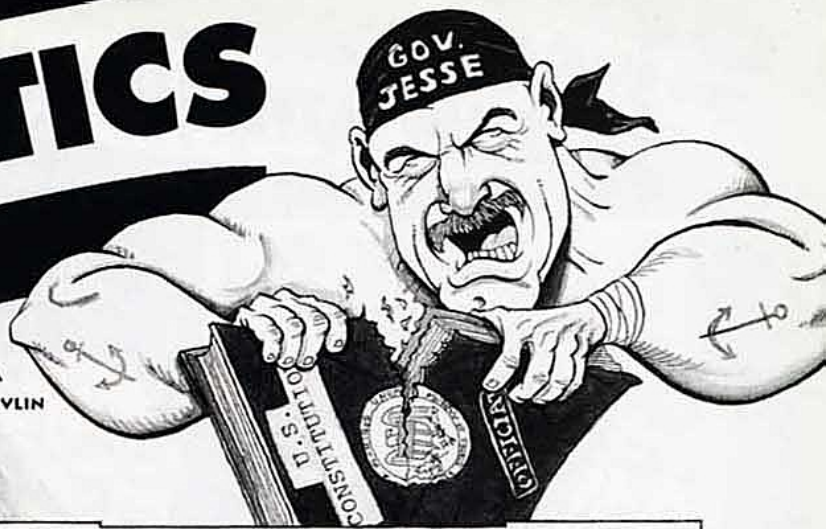
UNCLE VETO SAYS: FURGED ABOOED

TAKE YOUR STINKING PAWS OFF MY RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS! — C. NESTON

RESIG

OF U.S. POLITICS

ARTIST: RAY ALMA
WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN



Oh, my! Senator Trent Lott has been smashed with a gavel by Representative Maxine Waters! I hope my Mama's not watching!

Don't worry, J.R., we're on C-SPAN! NOBODY'S watching! But Maxine's got a copy of the *Congressional Record*, and she's about to filibuster Trent's head wide open! Look out, Trent!

My God! My God! That has one of Phil Gramm's longwinded speeches in it! Somebody stop this!

As sure as my name is Newt... er, Newt... Neutron Bomb! Um, Kaboom?



Congressman Hyde, because of several death threats, we've gotten you some protection! Wherever you go, members of the WCW Security Team will watch your back!

Did you say WCW Security?!? My God! — I'm a dead man!

Orrin Hatch!!! This Saturday, at the Ways and Means Committee Showdown, you will find out that my Doddamaniacs believe in Separation of Church and State! You will learn that they believe in Separation of Powers! But most of all, you will find out that they believe I should separate your head from your pencil neck! So whatcha gonna do when the power of Doddmania and the Doddster's 13-inch pythons run over you!?!?



THE JESSE VENTURIFICATION OF U.S. POLITICS

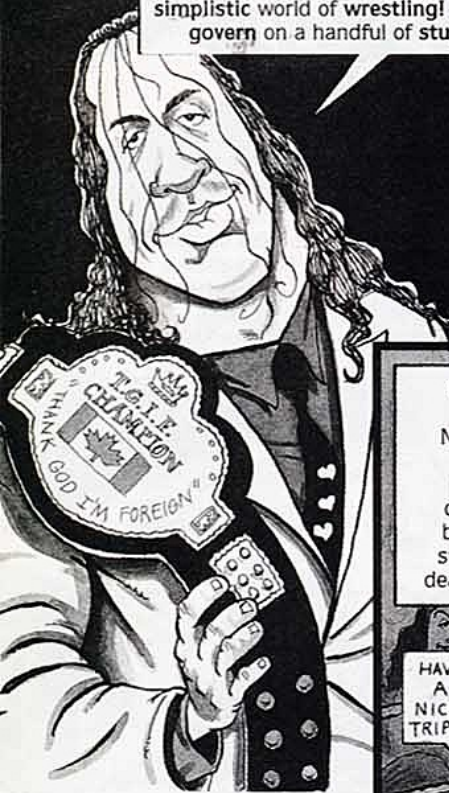
It's true that I used to call myself "the best there is, the best there was, the best there ever will be"! I was also known as the "excellence of execution"! But I've found that politics is a little more complicated than the simplistic world of wrestling! And you cannot govern on a handful of stupid slogans!

It's the economy, stupid!

Just say no!

Read my lips, no new taxes!

I feel your pain!



Under my Health Care Reform Bill of Rights, never again will someone with a steel chair wrapped around their head have to wait three hours for proper treatment! Never again will the cost of removing spray paint be the responsibility of the victim! My plan is the most comprehensive — providing 100% coverage for eye gouges, low blows, shock sticks, falling off a steel cage, being buried alive, handcuff burn, concussions from the Singapore Cane, choke slams, getting hit with a ladder, snake bites, being thrown off a balcony, getting crotchted on a ringpost, steroid poisoning, suffering a super-kick, intentional strangulation, tripping over a midget, barbed-wire death match punctures, getting crushed by the ring steps, post-pile-driver syndrome...

HAVE A NICE TRIPP?



Bill Clinton! You destroyed my hired killer, Newt Gingrich! Next, I sent my monster Tom Livingston after you... but you ran him out of the House of Representatives! But I'm not finished with you, Clinton! You're going down! Beware of the 175 pounds of rage that is DENNIS HASTERT (R-ILL.)!!!!

Poor Paul Bearer — this hasn't been an easy year to be a Republican manager!

Dear heavens, look at that poor man! Did he just fight the entire NWO? Did he survive the Royal Rumble?

Worse than that! He just came back from a taping of *The McLaughlin Group*!



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WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

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It seems that good old George Lucas didn't make enough billions off the hordes of *Star Wars* fans out there. Nope, even with all the movies, toys, costumes and videos, some flunky in George's marketing department told him that there was a few bucks more to be drained out of his most loyal fans. So before you could say Obi Wan Kenobi, out came a special edition of the game *Trivial Pursuit* chock full of mind-numbing questions about Luke, Darth and the boys. Think you know everything about *Star Wars* just because you've seen the trilogy "about a zillion times?" Don't bet on it, Yoda Breath! Prepare to feel the farce in...

MAD STAR

- YO** • Where did the Death Star's thermal exhaust port lead directly to?
- UAR** • According to Obi Wan, what can have a "strong influence on the weak minded?"
- EAB** • According to the trailer for *Episode 1 - The Phantom Menace*, "every saga has what?"
- IG** • Why were Luke and Leia hidden at birth, according to Obi Wan?
- MOR** • Who told Luke "you can't hide forever"?
- ON** • Luke was urged to feel what?

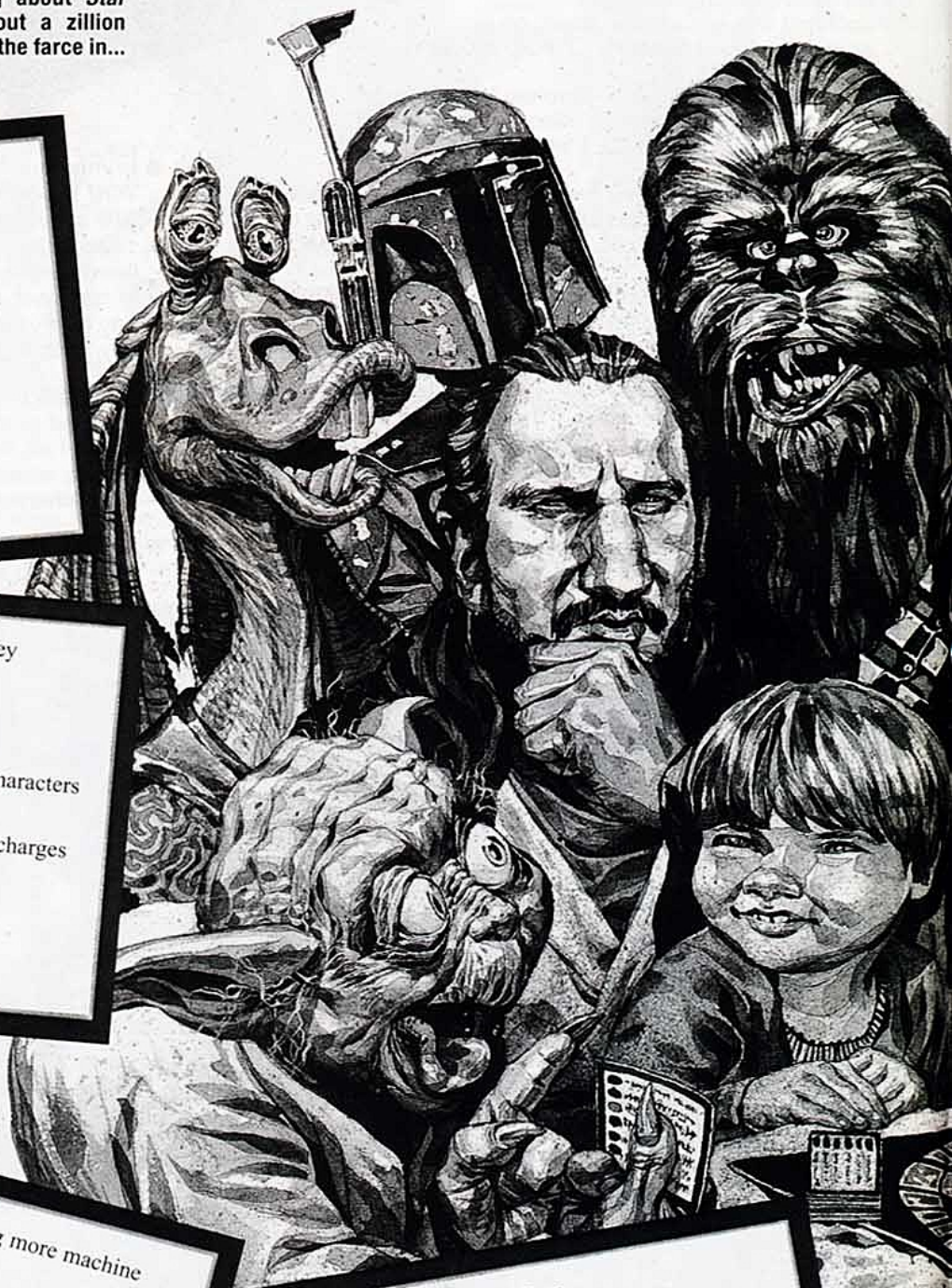
MAD STAR WARS Trivial Pursuit

- YO** Bayonne, New Jersey
- UAR** Scientology
- EAB** Several licensable characters
- IG** To beat the hospital charges
- MOR** Salman Rushdie
- ON** Obi Wan's goiter

- YO** • Who was described as "being more machine than man"?
- UAR** • What did Han yell after he blasted the Death Star?
- EAB** • What event caused "a great disturbance in the Force" according to Obi Wan?
- IG** • What did Luke not know the power of, according to Darth Vader?
- MOR** • According to Yoda, what does a Jedi never use the Force for?
- ON** • Who played Chewbacca in all three movies?

MAD STAR WARS Trivial Pursuit

- YO** Al Gore
- UAR** "I'm goin' to DisneyWorld!"
- EAB** Jabba's indigestion
- IG** The Toy Licensees
- MOR** To win at the craps tables in Vegas
- ON** Barbra Streisand



WARS

Trivial Pursuit



YO • It is the official web-site address for the new *Star Wars* Trilogy?

UAR • By the end of *Return of the Jedi*, what was completely destroyed?

EAB • Before any successful attack on the Death Star could be attempted, what had to be deactivated?

IG • What were C3PO's first words upon seeing an Ewok?

MOR • What passenger vehicle hovers a short distance above the ground?

ON • What was the "gift" Luke gave to Jabba the Hutt?

STAR WARS Trivial Pursuit

YO www.Geekboys.com

UAR Mark Hamill's acting career

EAB The audience's sense of plausibility.

IG "Dr. Ruth! What are you doing here? Oh my!"

MOR The new Volkswagen Beetle on rainy days

ON A deck of Richard Simmons' "Deal A Meal" cards

YO • This loathsome creature has a lipless mouth and a slug-like body.

UAR • Chewbacca was one.

EAB • Who did Yoda claim to have watched for a long time?

IG • It is also known as "The Phantom Menace."

MOR • According to Obi Wan, what "binds the entire galaxy together"?

ON • Who did Luke describe as a "strange old hermit"?

STAR WARS Trivial Pursuit

YO Linda Tripp

UAR A member of the Hair Club for Wookies

EAB Dick Clark

IG The IRS

MOR Hatred of Kathie Lee

ON Andy Rooney



A MAD LOOK AT PLAS



TK SURGERY

ARTIST AND WRITER: SERGIO ARAGONES





THE DOCTOR IS IN-SANE DEPT.

Now at last all you cheapies can be big sports by renting my movie on video for a buck and a half instead of spending eight dollars at the theater! You should also know that this film is based on a true story, only the facts have been changed to allow me to be both wildly manic and cloyingly sentimental at the same time!

PUTZ ADAMS

ARTIST: BILL WRAY WRITER: STAN HART

I'm coming to your psychiatric hospital voluntarily because I recently tried to kill myself!

In response to some deep-seated urge?

No, in response to a petition my neighbors circulated because I'm a chronic pain-in-the-ass!

And who will be paying for your hospital stay and treatment?

Comic Relief! I have a couple of friends there!

How many fingers do you see?

Four!

Wrong! You have to see through the problem to get to the answer!

I think I understand what you mean!

Good! Then you came to the right place!

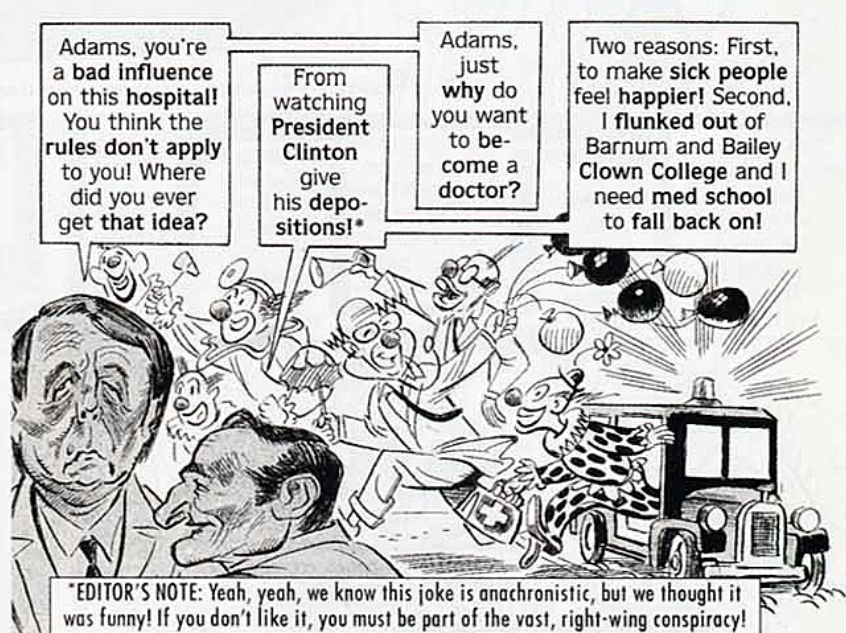
I made them laugh! Aha! That'll be my mission in life — to make sick people happy!

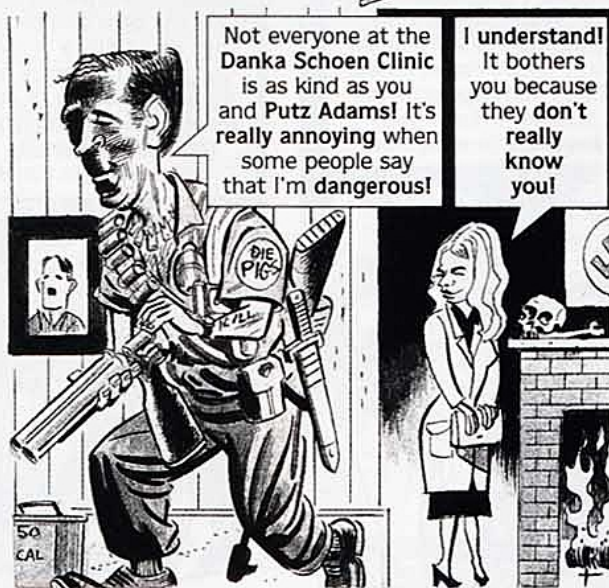
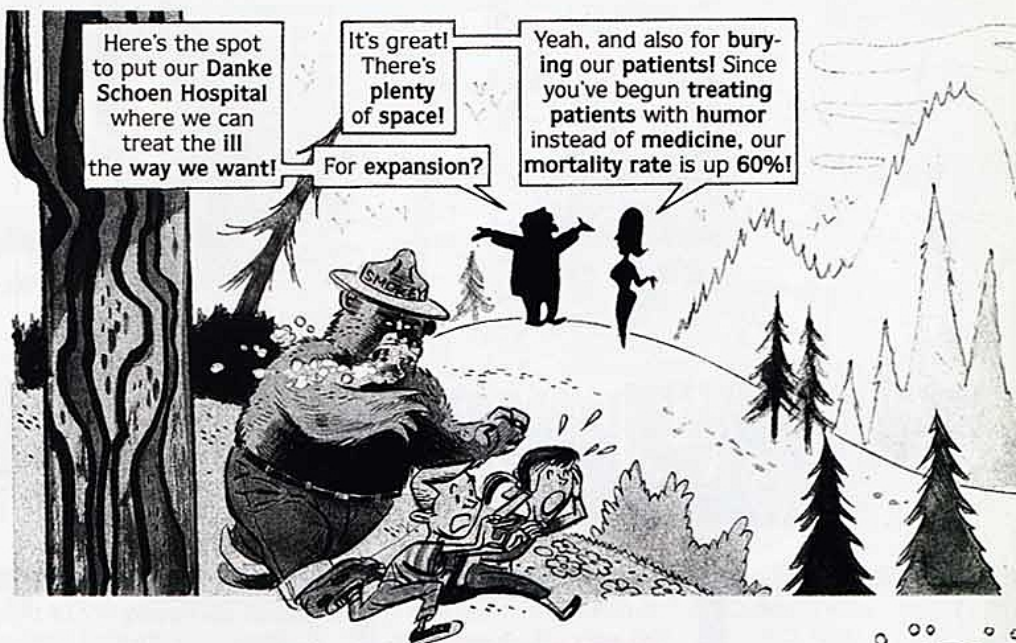
I hate to burst his bubble, but it's no big trick making these wackos laugh! They think a bowl of Jell-O is funny!

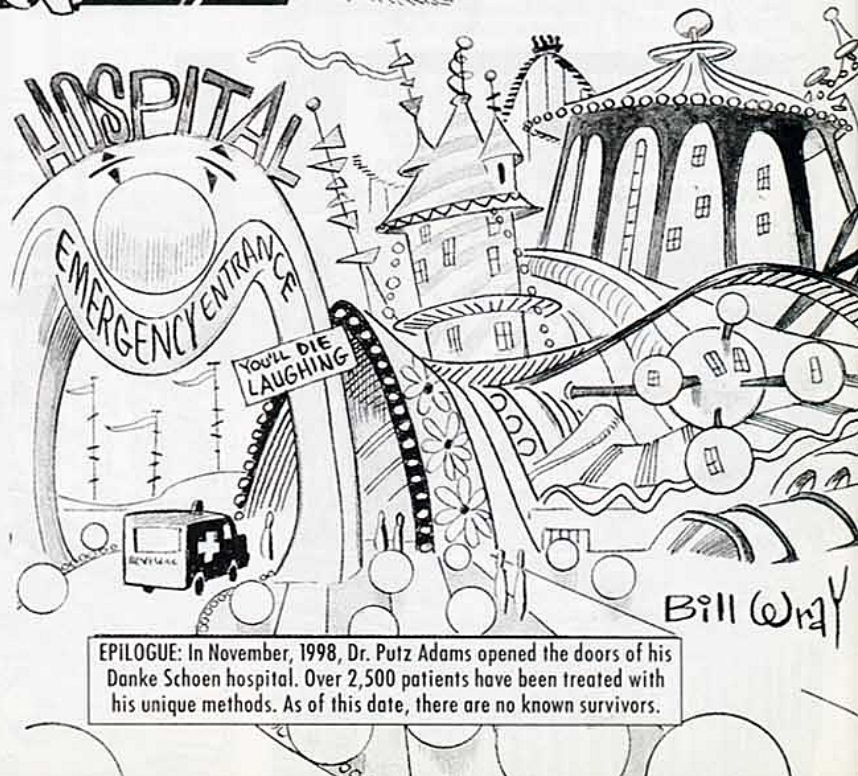
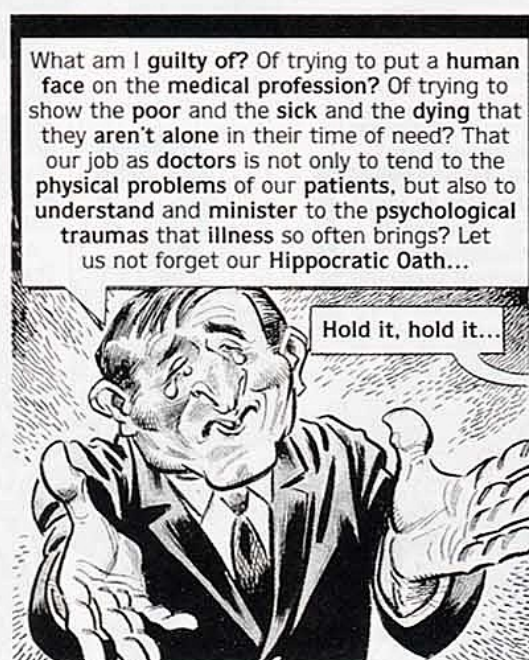
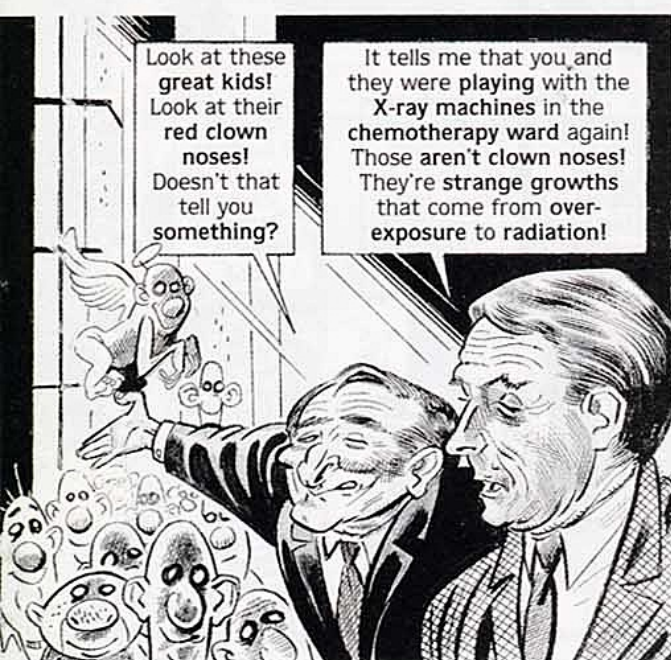
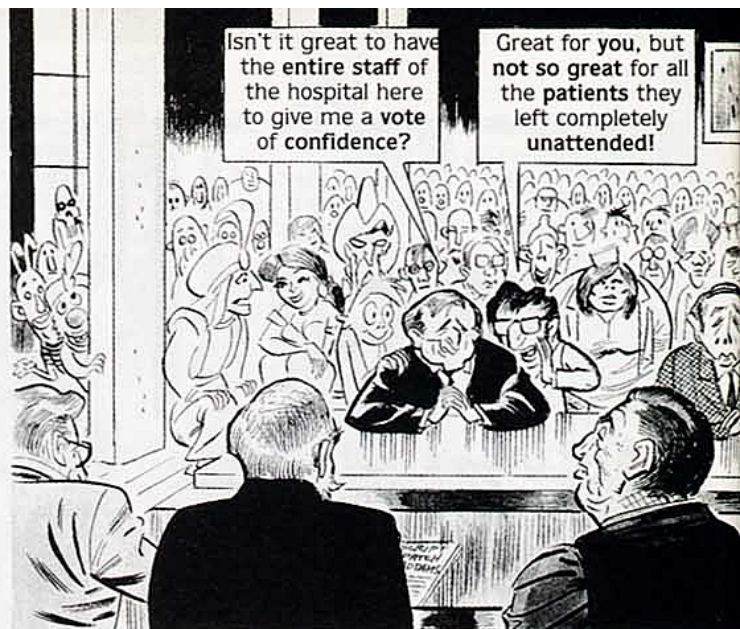
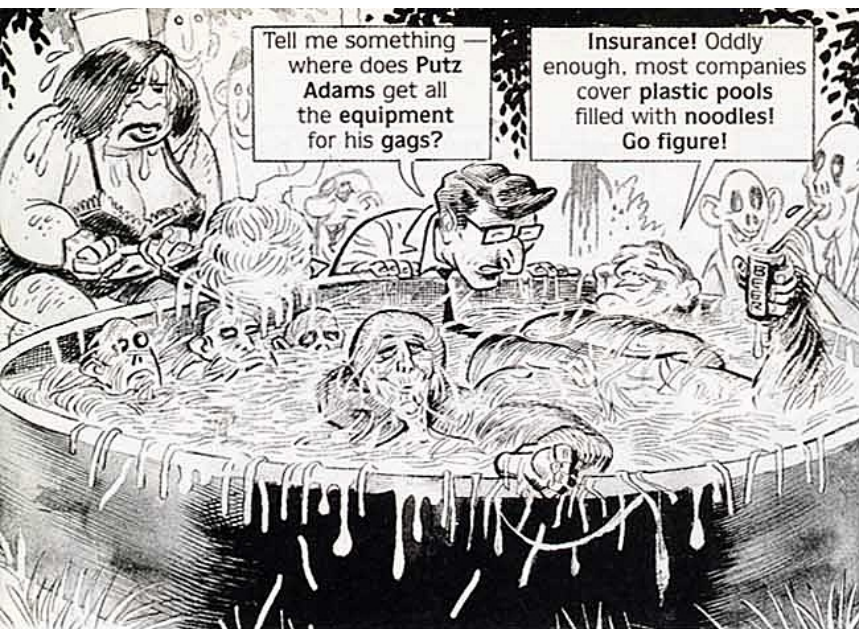
Say, Putz, aren't you a little old to be in medical school?

Maybe! So, what specialty interests you?

Geriatrics — the problems of the elderly! Are you coming here to study or to be studied?







EPILOGUE: In November, 1998, Dr. Putz Adams opened the doors of his Danke Schoen hospital. Over 2,500 patients have been treated with his unique methods. As of this date, there are no known survivors.



THE LIGHTER SIDE OF...

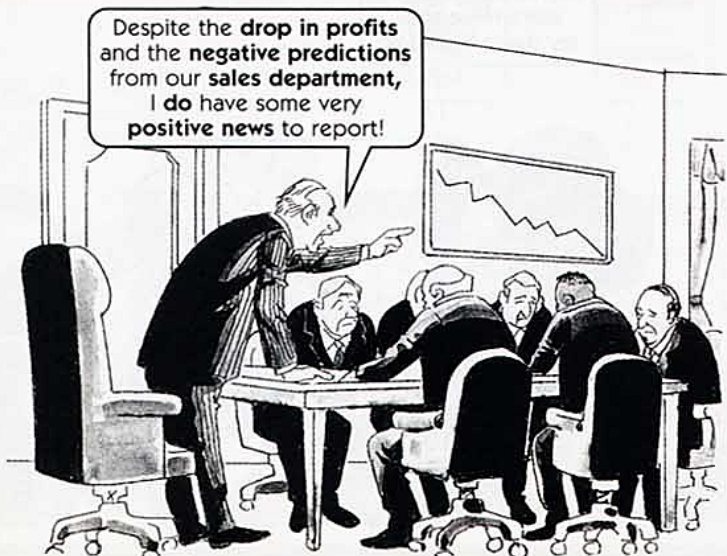


REASONING

ARTIST AND WRITER: DAVE BERG



CORPORATE THINKING



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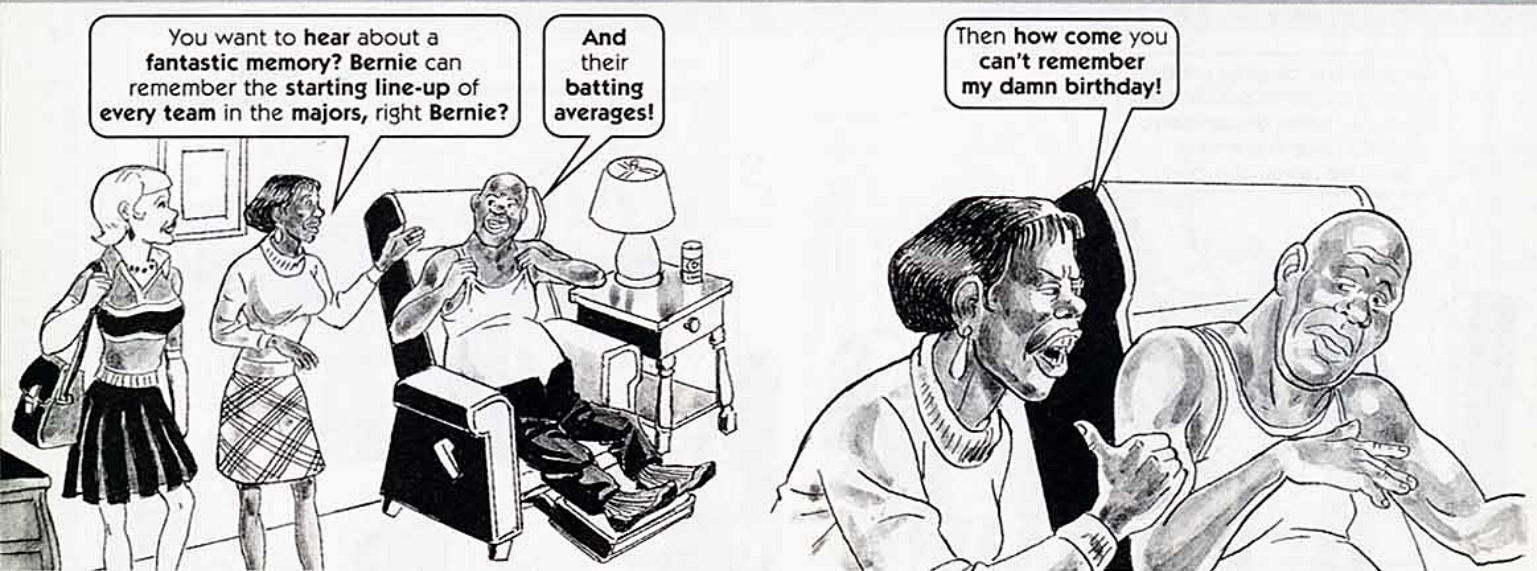
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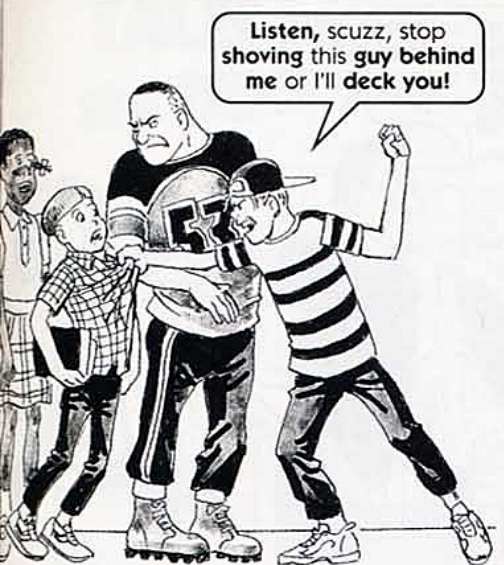
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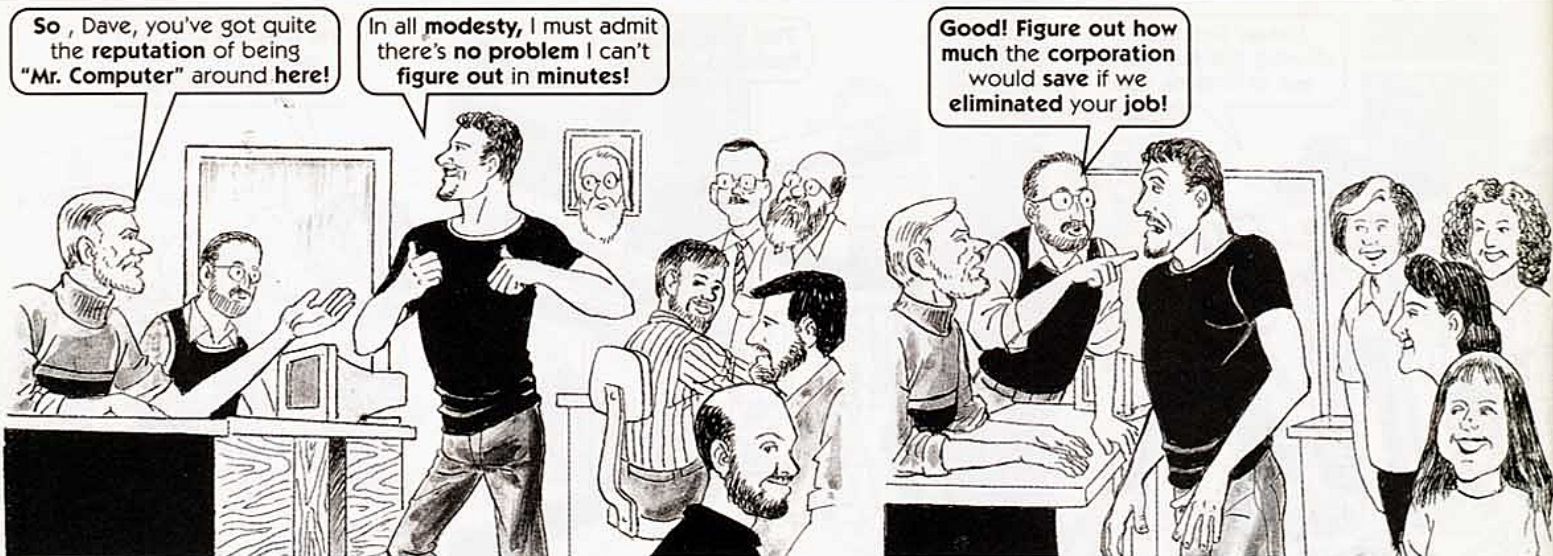
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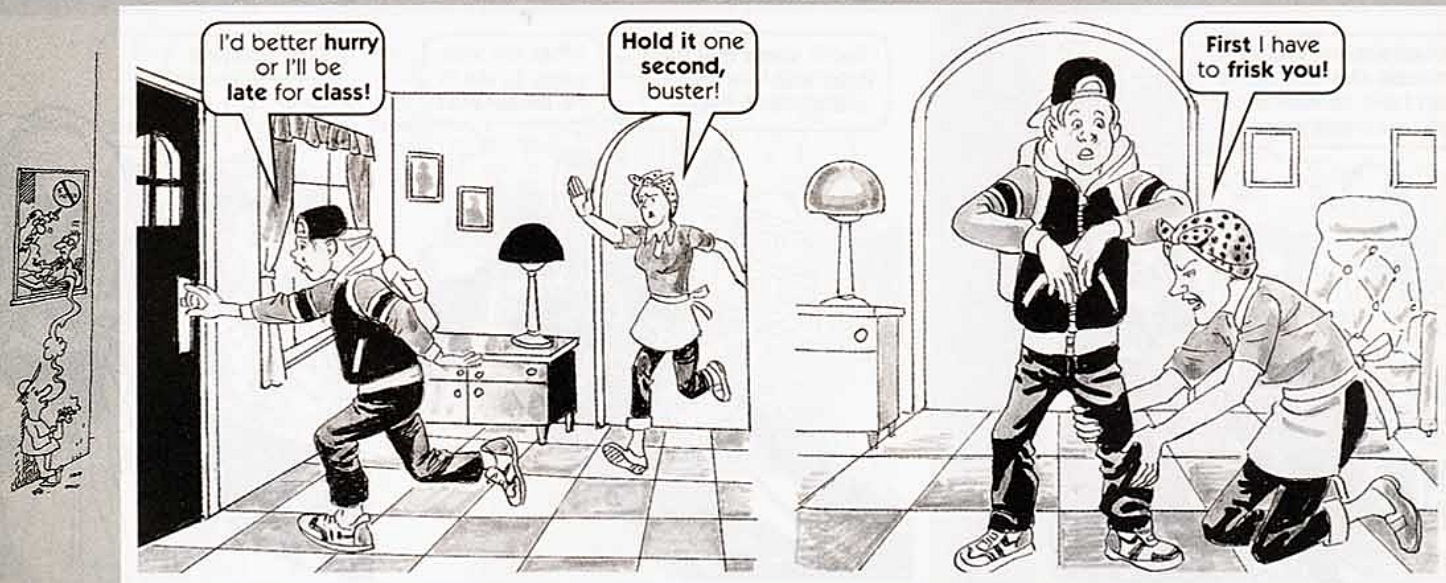
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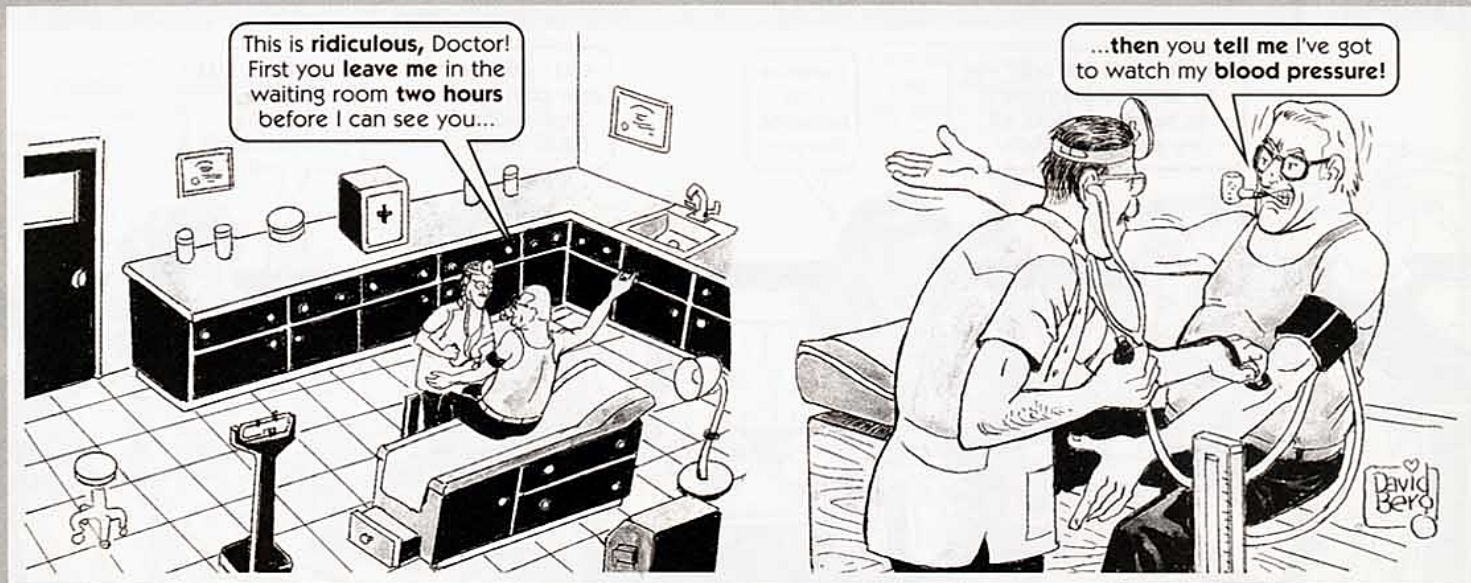
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TALES FROM the DUCK SIDE

FLIRTY DANCING

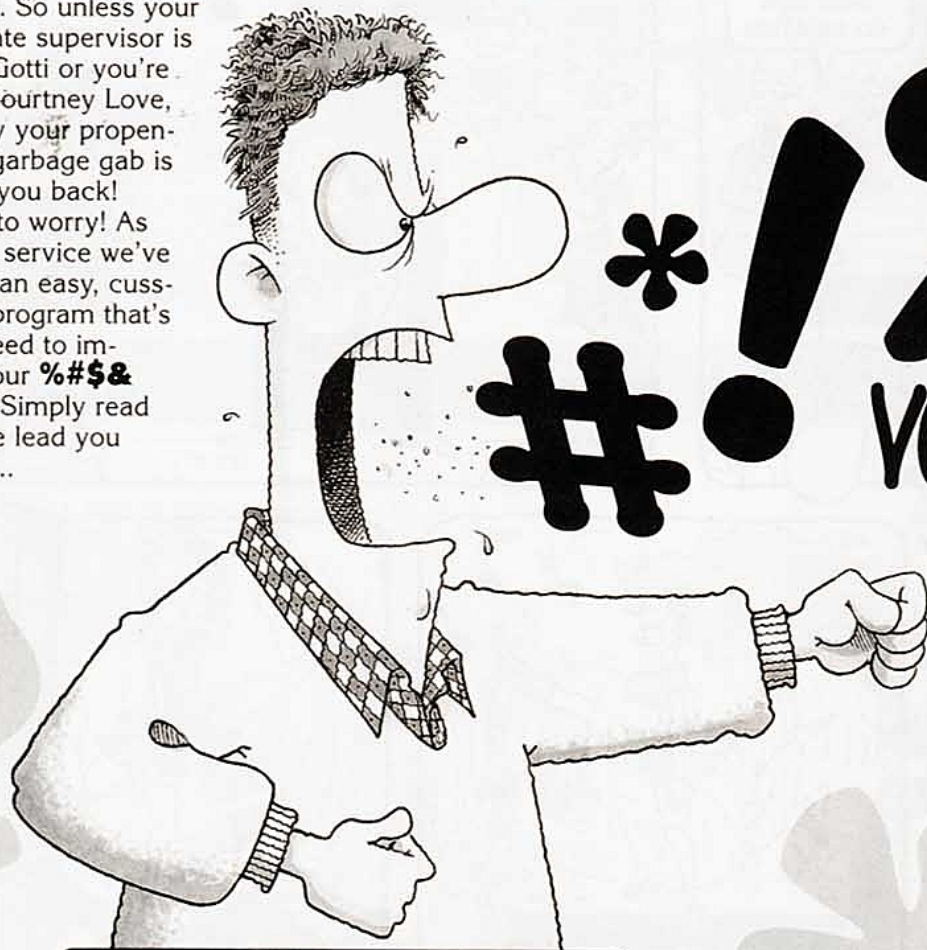


Do you have a filthy %\$^#*#@& mouth?

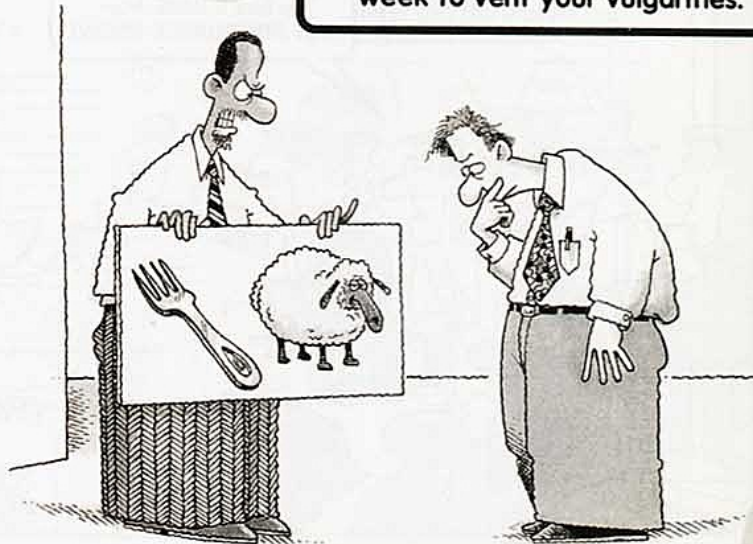
Do you regularly use the %\$#&^#@ F-word? Has George Carlin ever threatened to wash your %\$#@&*! mouth out with soap? Did Mike Tyson ever ask you to watch your #\$\$\$&^*% language? If you answered “^%\$%&* yeah!” to one or more of these questions, you have a serious social problem. So unless your immediate supervisor is named Gotti or you’re dating Courtney Love, it’s likely your propensity for garbage gab is holding you back! But not to worry! As a public service we’ve devised an easy, cuss-cutting program that’s guaranteed to improve your %\$#& lexicon. Simply read on as we lead you through...



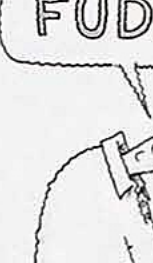
The MAD Guide to Cleaning Up Your ! % & * ● VOCABULARY



Rather than setting the bar impossibly high by trying to go "cold turkey," set aside one day a week to vent your vulgarities.



Whenever possible, resort to a rebus.



FUDGE!!!

Every morning, before leaving home, bang your thumb with a hammer. Repeat until every conceivable vulgarity is out of your system.

A cartoon illustration of a man standing in a crowd, looking surprised. A speech bubble above him says "OOOOOPS!". The crowd consists of various caricatured people, including a man with a large nose, a man with a beard, and a man with a large head.

HEY! I GOT A BEEYORCH! SPLENDID IDEA! LET'S
GRAB A COUPLE OF BEYAPH! REFRESHING BREWS
AND CATCH A FUVAVABEFFE SPIRITED BALL GAME!

**Spend more time around people
who are less likely to cuss.**

AAAAAW !!!

ASTERISK! EXCLAMATION POINT!
COLON! SATURN! STAR!
AMPERSAND!

SMASH!

Get in the habit of verbalizing the comic strip versions of what you're trying to say.



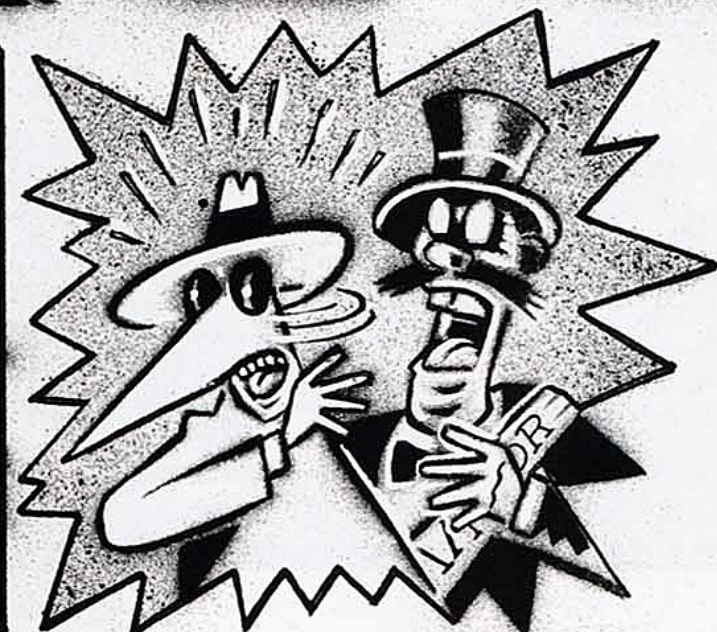
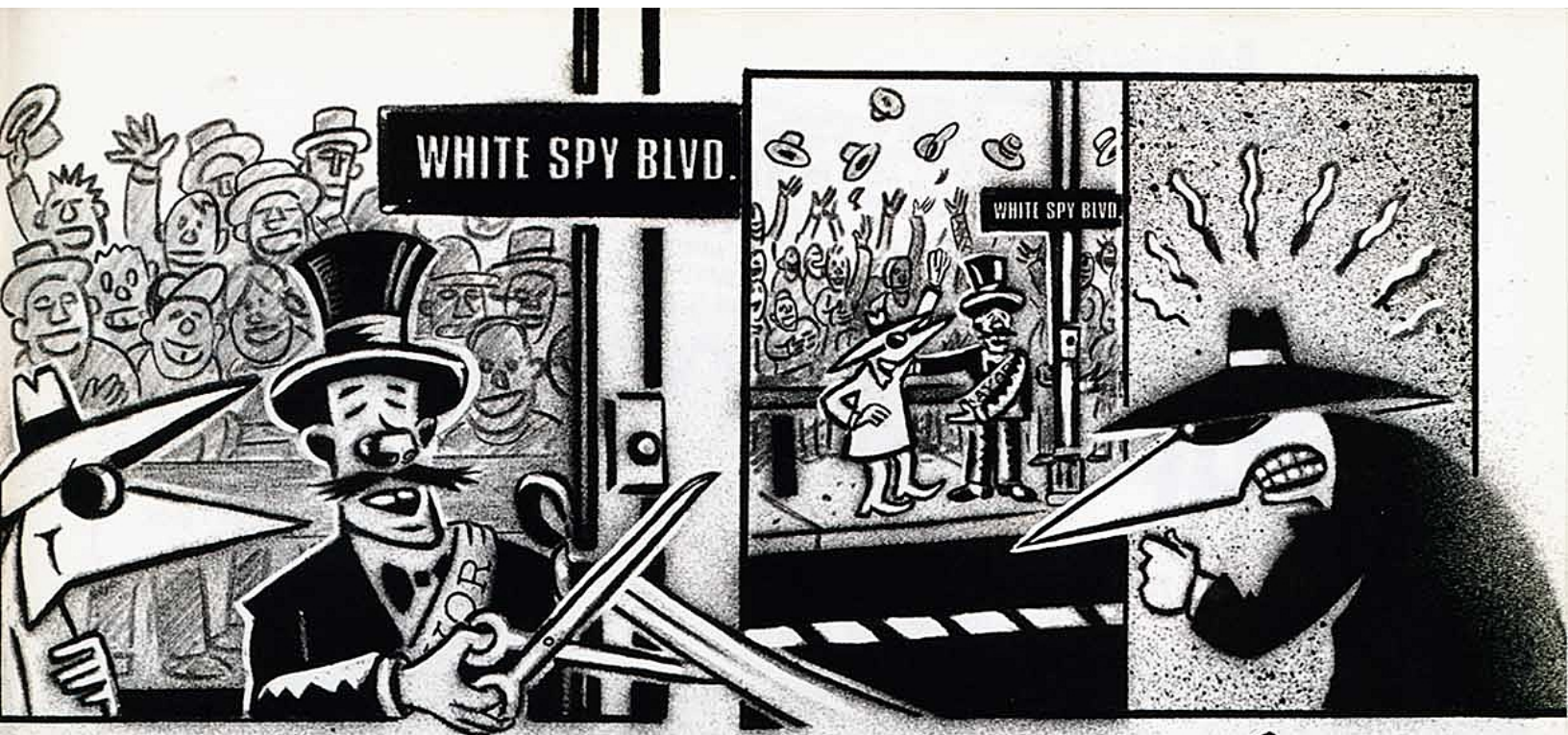
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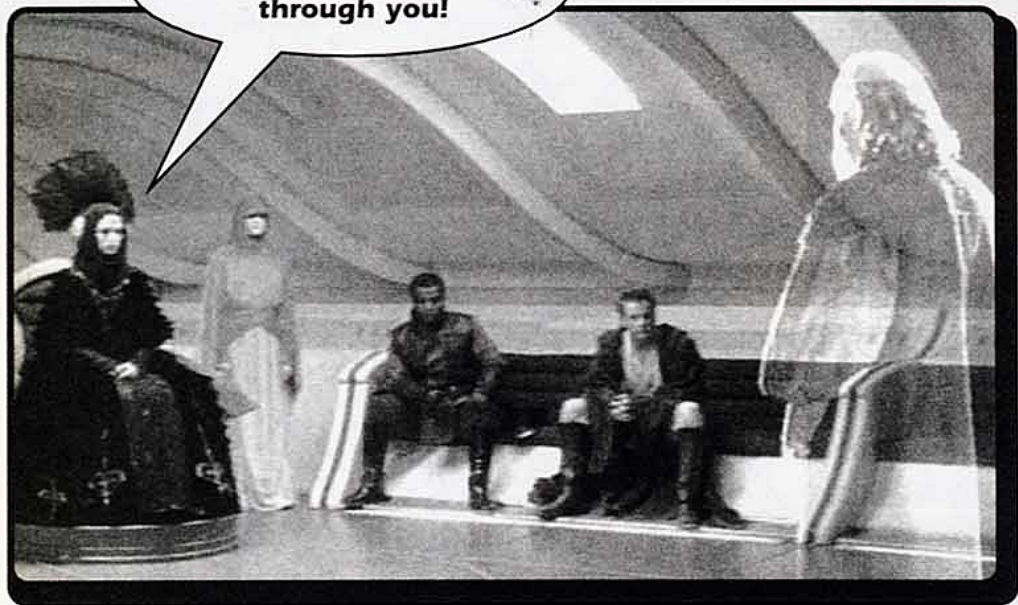


THE STILLS ARE ALIVE DEPT.

Maybe it was when you ran out to the concession stand for another helping of Jujubees. Maybe it was when you turned around to tell that moron sitting behind you where you were going to shove his cell phone if he called one more person and asked, "Guess where I am right now!" Maybe it was when you dashed to the bathroom after that 46-ounce Mr. Pibb you just finished kicked in. Maybe it was while you were glancing (all right, *staring*) at your date's cleavage shaking whenever she laughed at that comical Jar Jar Binks. Whatever it was, **YOU MISSED SOMETHING.** Something important. That's why we're here to save you the price of another movie ticket by showing you...

THE PHANTOM MENACE-

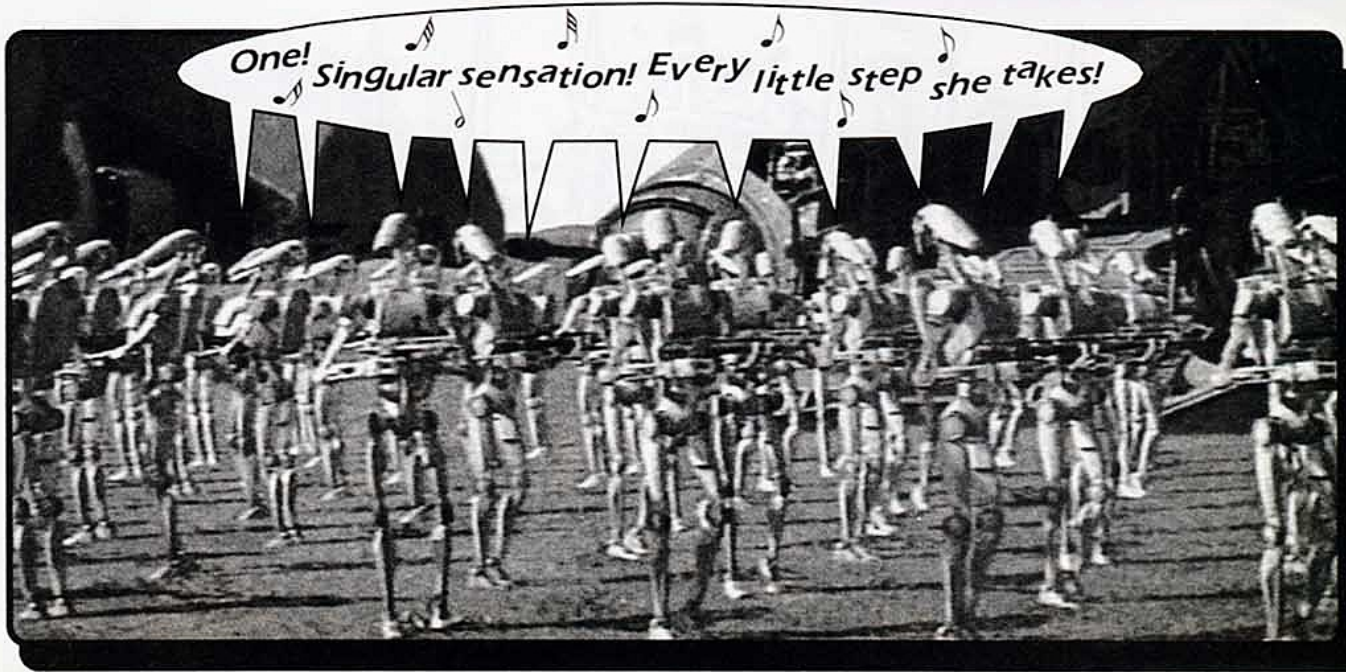
You don't **fool** us, Ambassador! We can **see right through you!**



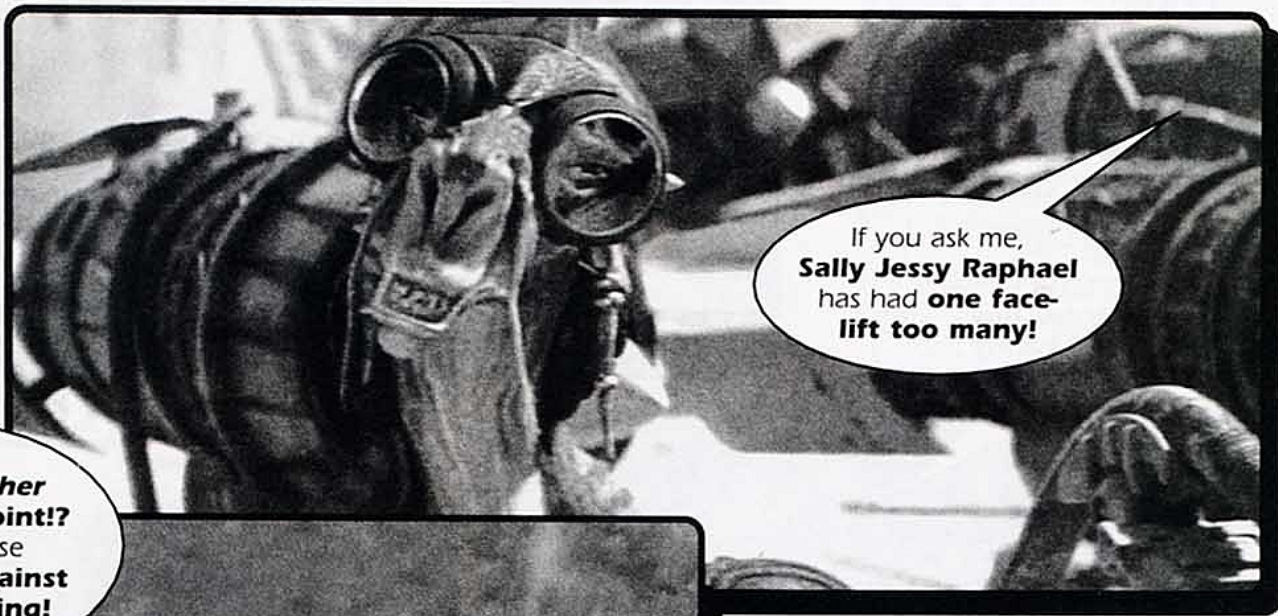
If **one more person** tells me I look like **Boy friggin' George** I'm gonna **scream!**



One! Singular sensation! Every little step she takes!



Scenes You Never Saw



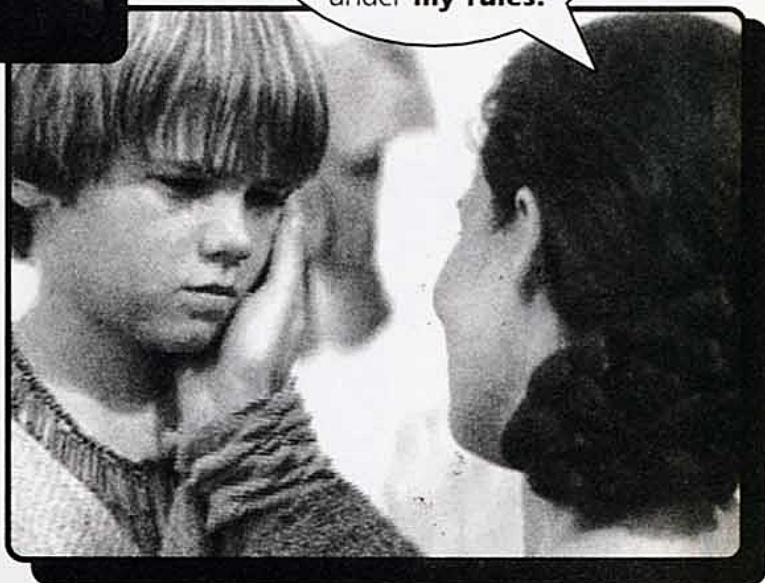
If you ask me, **Sally Jessie Raphael** has had **one face-lift too many!**

What, **another DWI checkpoint?** **Damn** these **Mothers Against Drunk Driving!**



Anakin, when you get **older** you'll be able to wear **as much black leather as you want.** But right now, you live in **my house** and under **my rules!**

"Mace Windu" – **Irish, right?**



THE PHANTOM MENACE-

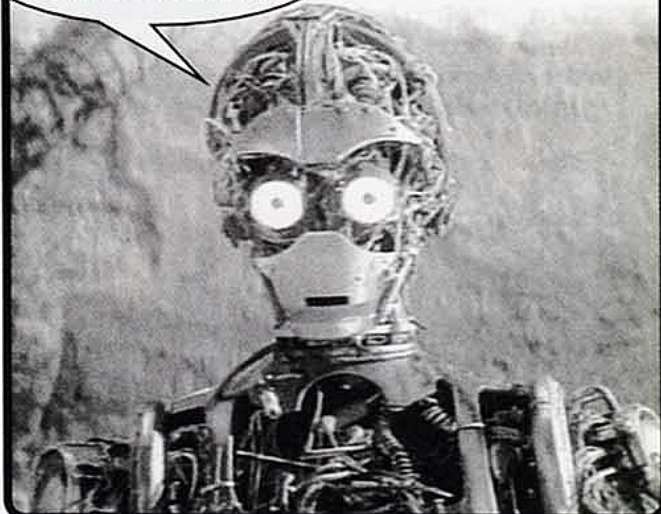
Scenes You Never Saw



You know, **boy**, I
have some **candy** back
in my **land speeder**!



How come I'm the
only one who has to do
a **nude scene**!?



Going to school
on a **desert planet** like
Tatooine **sucks!** We
NEVER get a **snow day**
like those **lucky bastards**
on **Hoth!**



Thank you for the **offer**,
Senator, but **no**, I **do not** wish to
do it "**Wookie**" style!





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-Butch Splatter,
President

"Eat my meat!
See inside
for details..."



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You no longer have to go to your local butcher to enjoy the great taste of freshly slaughtered meat! Now, you can sink your teeth into the succulent flesh of your favorite creatures delivered right to your mailbox!

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To introduce you to the delicious taste and pungent odor of **Omahog Meats By Mail**, I'm making the following special offer:

I'll send you a half dozen of my world famous **Pork Groins™** for the price of 6 when you order either 8 of my legendarily juicy **Gristle Burgers™** or 4 lbs of my prize-winning **Smoked Cholesterol-Rich Sausage™**! Mmmmm!

But wait, there's more! I'll also throw in, absolutely free, a full set of authentic plastic steak knives! You'd normally pay as much as 89 cents for a high quality set like this — that is, if your supermarket isn't sold out!

Butch Splatter

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Omahog Vice President, Hans Saurgut, works closely with U.S. Department of Agriculture Inspector Dale Jurgens to ensure cleanliness and quality control at our Central Slaughterhouse.

Butch answers some tough questions about his tender meat.

Q. What's that disgusting white stuff I always find in your steaks that makes me sick?

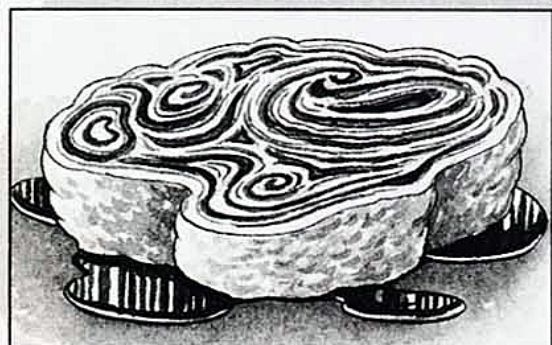
A. While uneducated carnivores commonly refer to it as "fat," we connoisseurs of meat here at Omahog call it "marbling." So, the next time you serve one of our steaks and your guests complain, "Hey, what's all this damn fat in my meat?" just tell them it's "marbling" and that they're stupid, unrefined slobs for not realizing it!



Serve our Alternative Tofu Burgers™ to your vegetarian friends — they'll swear they're eating meat!

Q. Do you have any products for vegetarians?

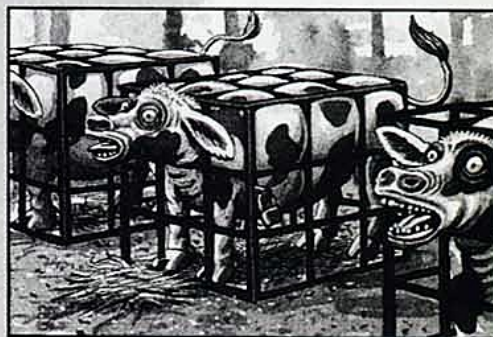
A. Absolutely! Omahog's Alternative Tofu Burgers are delicious! What's our secret? Unlike the tasteless, spongy, 100% soybean patties all those other guys sell, ours are made with Grade A, corn-fed Nebraskan ground chuck!



Remember, it may look like fat, it may even taste like fat — but it's marbling!

Q. I'm an animal rights activist. How do you treat your veal calves?

A. Here at Omahog Farms we have great respect for all of God's living creatures, especially His delicious, tender young veal calves. Each calf is allowed to roam free in its own 3' x 5' pen where it can grow to maturity without fear of predators—except, of course, our expert butchers!



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where they come from

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Aardvark Rump
Smoked Aardvark Rump
Aardvark Rump Round
Aardvark Rump Square
Aardvark Rump Chuck
Chuck of Aardvark Rump

**Bacon-Wrapped Gopher
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Turkey
Marinated Monkey Tongue
Head of Striped Horse (Zebra)
Duck Edwing á la Orange
Toe Cheese-Stuffed Platypus
Lizards in Gravy
Sliced Human
Thumb
Ballpark Franks**

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And more!

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CAUSE OF DEATH

ODDS

Smothered in hugs and kisses at
toy manufacturers' convention

3:1

Executed by mob of nit-picking
Star Wars nerds over mistakes, plot holes
and logic inconsistencies in first trilogy

5:1

Bludgeoned to death by embittered
Mark Hamill for not giving him
even a bit part in the new trilogy

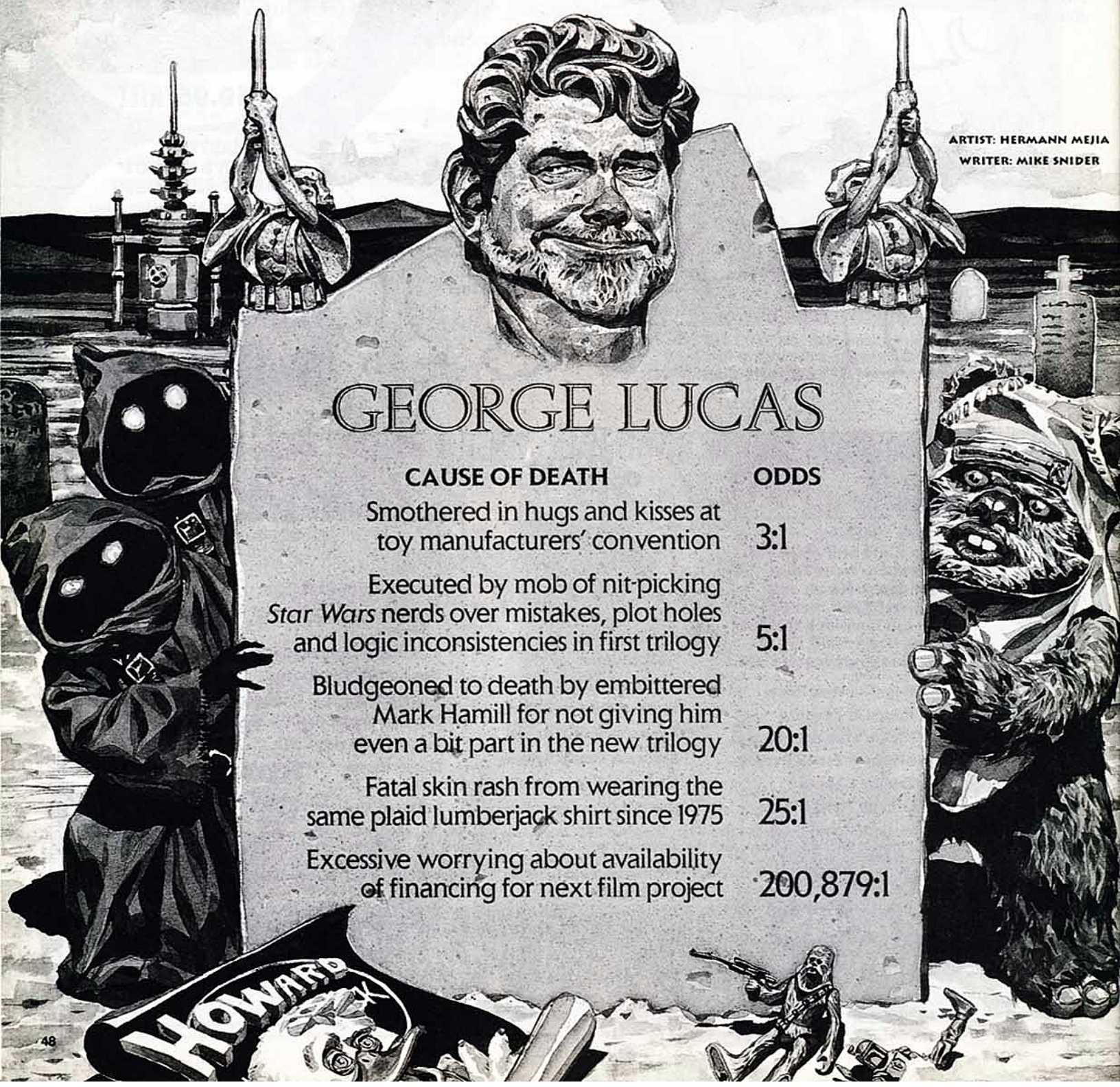
20:1

Fatal skin rash from wearing the
same plaid lumberjack shirt since 1975

25:1

Excessive worrying about availability
of financing for next film project

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**WHAT EAGERLY
ANTICIPATED
EVENT IS
FINALLY
UPON US?**

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**THE LONG AWAITED DAY FINALLY ARRIVES AND VAST
DELEGATIONS OF KIDS REJOICE. THEIR WAY OF
CELEBRATING IS LEGENDARY. ON EVERYONE'S
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